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## AN EDITORIAL

**N**azarene Theological Seminary is exactly half the age of the denomination. Ordered by the 1944 General Assembly, the seminary opened her doors in September 1945, just 37½ years ago. Since then almost 2,000 young men and women have gone from her halls into the life and ministry of the church around the world.

NTS is the brainchild of the late General Superintendent James B. Chapman. Observing an increasing number of our college graduates matriculating in other denominational and nondenominational seminaries, Dr. Chapman saw that if the Church of the Nazarene was to retain her brightest minds and accomplish her mission, she must provide a seminary for her ministers.

Dr. Chapman envisioned a graduate theological institution of quality, staffed by a highly competent faculty and committed to the preparation of a *Nazarene holiness* ministry. It is nothing short of miraculous that our young church caught this vision and accepted the challenge to found such a school. That this happened is a tribute to the tenacity and persuasive power of a man with a great vision.

Dr. Chapman's vision has been fulfilled to a remarkable degree. Accredited by the Association of Theological Schools of the United States

and Canada to offer four graduate degrees, including the doctorate of ministry, NTS has a faculty both professionally competent in their various fields and fully committed to the doctrines, life-style, and spirit of the Church of the Nazarene.

The contribution NTS has already made to the church is considerable. In addition to the hundreds of pastors who fill our pulpits, seminary graduates constitute a majority on our college religion faculties and increasingly occupy significant leadership roles in the denomination, both in the United States and worldwide. The school has not only preserved many ministers who might otherwise have been lost to the church and the cause of holiness but has also provided a host of missionaries, teachers, evangelists,

chaplains, editors, writers, and administrators whose ministry is incalculable in its effect on both the church and society around the globe.

Once a year, in January, every local Nazarene congregation has the privilege of sharing in the ministry of NTS by taking a liberal offering for her needs. As a former president of the school, I can vouch for the integrity, spirituality, and holiness commitment of NTS and also assure you that the need for our support is urgent and real.

Let us encourage President Terrell C. Sanders, the faculty and staff, and the approximately 435 students of NTS, by making this year's annual offering the largest yet. Your gift to the seminary is an investment in the future of the church. □

## A GREAT VISION FULFILLED

NTS—"COMMITTED TO THE PREPARATION OF A NAZARENE HOLINESS MINISTRY."



by General Superintendent William M. Greathouse

# CHRIST MADE THE DIFFERENCE

by TERRELL C. (JACK) SANDERS, JR.



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**L**IFE WAS DULL and school was definitely a drag until Jesus Christ came into my heart and made the difference.

On a lazy Sunday afternoon in the 16th year of my life, a friend invited me to the Nazarene Young People's Society meeting at the Church of the Nazarene. He was not a Christian and had little interest in church. However, his parents had promised him the use of the family car if he would go to the NYPS. He invited me to go along.

The Church of the Nazarene was a strange church over across town from where I lived. The acronym NYPS and the word *Nazarene* were new to me. I did not know any of the people who worshiped there, nor did I know anything about what they believed. However, the promise to use his family's automobile enticed me to go along with my friend.

I had never been in a meeting quite like I found. The people were so friendly, the singing lively, and the message given by the young lady who spoke came from a warm and sincere heart. Her face actually seemed to shine as she talked about Jesus as her personal friend. For the first time in my life I was hearing a personal testimony of one who definitely knew Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior.

We did not stay for the evening service, as my friend's parents hoped we would. The excitement of getting on the road was too much.

However, I could not get away from that testimony I had heard. As long as I could remember, I had wanted to be a Christian but did not know how to find Christ.

Two weeks later found me in the first Nazarene revival service I had ever attended. No one invited me this time. I sat alone on the backseat and was moved as I listened to the message. At the close there was an invitation to come to the altar to find Christ. I had no idea what the evangelist was asking me to do when he said, "Come to the altar."

The kind pastor sensed my need and walked back to me, took me by my hand, and asked, "Young man, would you like to be a Christian?"

I replied, "Yes, sir, I really would." We went forward

together and knelt at the altar of prayer. In a few minutes I was a new creature in Christ and the peace of God flooded my soul.

Little did I realize what a change had been wrought and what a wonderful life of continuing transformation I had entered into. Some things were apparent immediately. I began to make new friends, and sinful habits fell away. I was anxious to attend all of the services of my new church and my high school grades began to improve. I had a deep desire to know more of Christ and began to read the Bible, as well as all the Christian literature I could find. It was not long until I began to participate in the NYPS and cottage prayer meetings by giving short devotional messages.

Slowly it dawned upon me that these Nazarenes were testifying to and preaching a deeper work of God's grace known as entire sanctification. The devil took advantage of my ignorance to attack me at this point. The battle raged. My family and friends said that one could not be entirely sanctified in this life. The clouds of doubt rose in my heart and overshadowed my life. Finally, one night I went to the altar, praying as I walked down the aisle, "Lord, my friends tell me this can't be true, yet these Nazarenes have something I want and need. If You can sanctify a man in this life, please do it for me!" This was the beginning of a deeper walk with God that culminated in His baptizing me with the Holy Spirit and filling me with His fullness. Jesus Christ was indeed Lord of all; I had found Him in His sanctifying grace!

The call to preach, and graduation from one of our Nazarene colleges and Nazarene Theological Seminary, were all a part of God's wonderful plan.

Although I enjoyed several years as a pastor, and 14 years as a district superintendent, I had maintained a keen interest in our educational institutions. It was a pleasure to work closely with a number of them as a member of the board of trustees. I had said on several occasions that if I could live two lives, I would live one of them as a pastor/preacher, and the other as a college teacher.

God has been so good to me. I have enjoyed a wonderful life of pastoring congregations, 14 years of pastoring pastors, and now He has given me the high and holy privilege of ministering here at NTS. What a difference Christ has made! □

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### GETTING BETTER

Thank you for the most recent special issue of the *Herald*! I regard it as one of the best ever. The *Herald* is just one of our quality publications that is getting even better.

*James L. Mathews*  
*Nashville*

### LIKES SPECIAL ISSUE

Thank you for the excellent special issue of the *Herald of Holiness*.

Out of habit I began reading from the back—an ancient Oriental custom.

This issue is superb. I'm recom-

mending to our Evangelism Committee that consideration be given to purchasing extra copies, to be distributed to new Christians.

*Ronald E. Fay*  
*Los Osos, California*

### DISPLEASED WITH GALLOWES

First let me say how much I love your paper, the *Herald of Holiness*. I'm not a member of your church, but I sure do love to pass my *Herald of Holiness* on to others. May the Lord richly bless you for your good work. I'm sure He does.

There is something in the Special

Issue that I object to. "The Sea Walker," in the third paragraph contains these words: "Yet He met death on a lonely gallows." This is the second time I have read that Jesus died on a gallows. I'm not positive but I do believe the other article was in one of your Sunday School papers. The first occasion I just let it go, because I felt the author was making a play on words.

I'm not too well educated, but I'm of the persuasion that "the cross" should be used. Death on a gallows is nothing compared to dying on a cross.

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THE CHRISTIAN LIFE is a happy life!" These words of Paul Reedy were etched into my memory during those days of Christian nurture in the Nazarene Boys Club of San Diego First Church. My mother had led me to the Lord at age six, and I cannot remember a time when I didn't feel called to missionary service. But I had yet to learn the truth of Proverbs 3:5-6, that God must be permitted to work out the details of our lives if we would find that happy life He has planned for us.

My sanctification experience in my early teens was related to the confirmation of my call to missions in the face of other options that appeared to be equally attractive, especially in the area of music which had virtually become the idol of my heart. Could I trust God with what I valued most—my music—and let Him choose for me? I did, and that is what made all the difference in my life.

At the age of 13, in the Peniel Mission, I preached for the first time, as a pinch hitter, beginning what was to become a characteristic motion from the piano bench to the pulpit. At Pasadena College I met my future wife, Mary, who shared my missionary intent and has multiplied my happiness as we have served God together.

After seminary, God opened the door for the fulfillment of our calling in seeing the Church of the Nazarene established in Haiti. Far from "burying ourselves in Haiti," as someone suggested, we found ourselves among those wonderful Haitian people who

have given such a full-hearted response to the gospel. That experience was joy fulfilled.

It was during our third year in Haiti, however, that the inescapable conviction came to me that ultimately God wanted me to help young people prepare for missionary service. The door opened to complete my doctoral studies on two furloughs, but during our third term in Haiti, Dr. Corlett's phone call informing me that I was elected to the faculty took me by surprise. Why would I want to leave Haiti where Mary and I were supremely happy? The church was growing by leaps and bounds. We had the joy of sharing in the harvest with those fantastic Haitian Nazarenes and with the greatest missionary colleagues anywhere.

Almost reluctantly, after praying for two weeks, we concluded that this, too, was God's calling for our lives. After almost 14 years of missionary service, we made good our earlier consecration to God's will and moved the center of our ministry to the seminary in Kansas City.

That first year was a difficult adjustment. One morning as I was praying the Lord seemed to say to me, "You aren't happy, are you, Paul?" To my negative reply, the Lord seemed to continue, "If you know that this is where I want you to serve Me, don't you think you ought to be happy doing that?" I asked the Lord to forgive me and help me to be happy—even in Kansas City—and He did just that. Now for over 18 years, Mary and I have found great joy in seeing hundreds of young people going out into God-called ministry around the world, and we would not trade anything for the happiness of serving where we know the Lord wants us. □

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# A Happy LIFE

by PAUL R. ORJALA





THE SOUND of the ringing chapel bells was not to call the students to chapel. It was the prearranged signal among the freshmen that would call reinforcements to thwart a sophomore attack on our bonfire. We had labored long in the center of our campus to fulfill class tradition for the homecoming football game. The result was a 57-foot-high structure made of railroad ties. It was to be set aflame 24 hours later, except for the sophomore assault geared to embarrass us. We fought them off all night and preserved both the bonfire and class pride.

That homecoming event was part of the experience that made up Dartmouth College. How privileged I felt to be attending this Ivy League school. My life seemed so together for a 20-year-old. I had a mom and dad who really cared for me. Financial success was ours due to the motel my father owned and operated on Treasure Island in the Gulf of Mexico off the west coast of Florida. The girl I planned to marry had won a title in a beauty queen contest. I was headed toward an honors graduation at Dartmouth and, hopefully, law school and the legal profession. I was religious, too, with regular church attendance and high moral standards.

Yet something was wrong. Inside I felt empty. One weekend, a serious discussion with my girl friend caused me to admit I didn't *really* believe in Jesus Christ. We decided to search to try to find Him if such a thing were possible. I began reading the Scripture more seriously but couldn't understand it. I prayed more fervently, but God seemed a thousand miles away, and a stone wall stood between us. I began attending the daily chapel services at Dartmouth.

At chapel I was surprised to see Peter again. We had come from the same high school in Manchester, Conn., where he had excelled—student body president, varsity athlete, straight A student when he tried. At Dartmouth he had developed a serious drinking problem and had left school. Now he was back and, of all places, in chapel. At

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# "CAN GOD BE REAL TO ME TOO?"

by CHARLES SHAVER

the end of chapel, he gripped my hand and said, "Chic, I'm different than I used to be because I've found the Lord." I'd never heard such a personal expression of faith.

Six weeks later we talked at length, and Peter shared the greatest "before and after" story I'd heard in my life. Christ was the turning point. In amazement, I said, "You talk as if God is real to you. Can He be real to me too?" He assured me He could. At the end of the evening he invited me to attend church with him the next day.

Peter took me 26 miles to Claremont, N.H., to a Nazarene church that was a home mission project. Despite my prejudices against Nazarenes and small churches, I was impressed by the crowd of 30 at the Nazarene church—because of their friendliness, joyous singing, and authoritative preaching—impressed enough to go back Sunday night. To my utter amazement, five laymen gave testimonies that God was real to them. They said to find Him, they had to repent.

In my seat, I prayed during Pastor Ferrioli's message. The high moral standards of the past did not seem so high now, and I admitted my life had been displeasing to God. An invitation was given for people to come forward and receive Christ. I desperately wanted to know Him, but held back. Suddenly the whole room became warm with the presence of God, and Jesus Christ became as real to my soul as people in a room would be real to my senses. Immediately I knew I was in right relation with God. It seemed as if a 35-pound lead weight was suddenly lifted from my shoulders. On November 20, 1955, I became "a new creature in Christ."

Life became a new adventure for me. I witnessed to my friends at Dartmouth and before long saw them seeking Christ at Claremont Church. After initial opposition, my mom and dad both wonderfully found the Lord. God called me to the ministry and led me to study at Nazarene Theological Seminary after graduation from Dartmouth.

The darkest cloud that came on my horizon was a struggle with inward selfishness that emerged six months after I had come to Christ.



Wondering if this was the best victory a Christian could have, I sought God anew. On September 2, 1956, as the Spirit of God dealt with me, I felt physically like I would die. I realized the spiritual reality, and the "old Chic Shaver" died. That night this born-of-the-Spirit life was *filled* with the Spirit. By grace, I was sanctified wholly, and there was a new level of victory that has continued ever since.

The girl friend of the past

dropped out of the picture. A red-haired nurse was led across my pathway by a Nazarene pastor's daughter. Nancy was sanctified wholly in a D. Shelby Corlett holiness meeting and joined the Church of the Nazarene. I rejoiced when Nancy became my wife. The four-year wait for marriage was more than worth it to find God's choice for my life's partner. I wouldn't trade Nancy or our three children for anything.

There have been two exciting home mission pastorates, three years of full-time evangelism, associate pastoral responsibility, and teaching at Nazarene seminary since 1970. What a privilege to help prepare future ministers to win the lost to Christ, as a witness and a Nazarene church did for me in 1955. Even now, after 27 years, the excitement of being a new creature in Christ has not worn off. God is still real! □

# AGENTS OF GRACE

by HAROLD E. RASER

AS I REFLECT on my spiritual pilgrimage I am amazed at the large role played in it by other people! It seems I owe a great debt to many individuals who have allowed God to use them as agents of His reconciling grace to me.

My earliest awareness of God came through my Christian parents who dedicated their children to Him in infancy, accompanied us to church, prayed for and with us, and surrounded us always with love as we made our way haltingly toward maturity. That early awareness was nurtured by Sunday School teachers who, during my childhood years, selflessly "lisped," so to speak, the things of God so that I might come to know Him personally in my childish way.

My pastor was a constant guide and helper through the years (I only had one pastor, besides my own father, until I was 23 years old). In him, living and preaching were one—both lifting up Christ in clear, unmistakable tones. It was under his ministry that I dedicated my life to Christ during my teen years, and it was in him that I found a very positive, attractive example of Christian ministry when my own heart began to sense God's call to me at about age 15.

There was a youth pastor, too, through whom God's grace steadied me during the never-easy passage of adolescence. His expressions of personal concern, of acceptance and affirmation, as well as his example of sanctified Christian living and service, drew me into the practical, nurturing fellowship of the church, and helped me to see full-time service to God in His Church as exciting and infinitely worthwhile.

While attending a Christian college, under the influ-

ence of Christian teachers and encouraged by the one who would become my wife, I settled the matter of God's call to ministry, and in the process I gave myself wholly and unreservedly to Him and experienced His purifying, sanctifying grace.

The senior pastor and people who allowed me as an idealistic—but inexperienced—young person to "minister" to them (*they* ministered to *me* in much greater measure!) for several years after college were agents of God's grace. I made dumb mistakes, as the inexperienced do, but, accepted, encouraged, and sometimes gently reproofed, I was enabled to grow in self-knowledge, the skills of ministry, and fellowship with the Lord because of them.

Mentors at Nazarene Theological Seminary, many of them now my colleagues, along with my seminary pastor, shepherded me through the years of graduate preparation for ministry. They stretched my conceptions of God and His people and the nature of Christian ministry in sometimes painful ways, yet they always firmly anchored the demanded intellectual activity in personal communion with God. They modeled that communion themselves and encouraged and expected it in their students.

There have been others—*always* my wife; university professors; personal friends; my children; the college president who took a chance on an "unknown quantity" seeking a position on the religion faculty; my colleagues and students here at NTS who tolerate me as I am, while helping and challenging me to grow as a Christian, scholar, teacher, and minister of the gospel.

How I praise God for His great *grace* that has literally encompassed my life by virtue of those persons who have allowed themselves to be the instruments of His grace! □

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# Doors Opened Wide

by J. KENNETH GRIDER

**T**HE LONG and strong arm of God's kindness reached out all the way to me, in my poverty as the 13th of 14 children in a sharecropper family, in my isolation in Missouri's Ozarks, in my ignorance. I received the forgiveness of sins and the inheritance of those who are sanctified wholly by faith through the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Soon I was called to ministry and was off to Olivet Nazarene College.

I had sold rags and bottles to get \$2.35, and rode a freight train toward Olivet—getting fined for that, and put into jail for 10 days. Once at Olivet, the authorities told me I would have to return home and work and save in order to come later. Instead, I sat on the steps of a dormitory and read my Bible, and Dr. J. F. Leist came by and gave me a job with the college. I would milk the cows and build the kitchen fire and afterward would work 10 hours a day digging ditches. This, during the summer of 1940, on Olivet's brand-new Bourbonnais campus.

I left in 1945 with my dear wife, Virginia, two degrees, all bills paid, and ordained—having also paid for a small store for my parents. Later, I earned four other degrees, including a Scottish Ph.D., and studied two terms at Oxford University.

God's prevenient grace was profoundly real in my

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life. This is in part because, long before I became a Christian, and long before I had ever heard of a theological seminary (all I had heard about was Bible schools that the Ozark preachers were always glad they had never been to), I had studied secondary sources on all the distinguished philosophers and theologians of the past—persons about whose understandings I have lectured these past three decades at Nazarene Theological Seminary.

I am particularly thankful for several things. One is that Dr. Carl McClain, the dean at Olivet, insisted that I enter the regular college, for I had planned on studying only the Bible, in Olivet's Bible school, for one semester, and then go forth preaching. I am also thankful that, whereas I put my ambition to write on the altar to be sanctified wholly, thinking I would not get to write, I have no doubt been able to write more and better material as a yielded Christian than I could have outside of Christ. This, in part, because I was already in a business college and was planning to short-cut my education. I am also thankful that such an unlikely person as I should have been privileged to study at Olivet, here at NTS, at the distinguished Drew University (its only *summa* graduate in 1948), at 500-year-old Glasgow, and even at Oxford (often right in the library room where John and Charles Wesley had studied).

I am thankful for God's graciousness toward me all across my 60 years, and for the teaching work at NTS, which my denomination has given me for exactly half of my life.

*They opened wide their doors to me,  
A lad in later teens,  
And I became a part of them—  
The folk called Nazarenes.*

*They told me of a Christ who saves,  
A Christ who sanctifies,  
Who keeps a Christian day to day  
As long as one but tries.*

*They sent a lad like me to school  
To feed on Bible truth  
And learn the life of holiness  
With other Christian youth.*

*They authorized my call to preach  
And said, "God bless you, Son;  
Go to the task with confidence  
And win folk one by one."*

*And then they said, "Son, you may help  
To train the ones who preach  
And send them forth with hearts aflame  
To woo and win and teach."*

*These people, true to Pentecost,  
Baptized with holy love,  
Include me in a fellowship  
Like that of heav'n above.*

*Their sun but rises in the sky,  
Their day is but begun;  
They have what ransomed powers are mine  
Till life's brief race is run.*

*For they threw wide their doors to me,  
A lad in later teens,  
And I became a part of them—  
The folk called Nazarenes.*

# CLEAR CALLS *from* GOD

by CHESTER O. GALLOWAY

**Y**OUTH is often the stage in which life's major decisions are made. Such was my experience. Having been drawn to a Nazarene Sunday School through the influence of a classmate, a concerned pastor and his wife, and two Sunday School teachers, it wasn't long before I became involved in the youth program of the church. After two or three years of participating regularly in Sunday School and youth activities, I was influenced to attend a district youth camp.

At this oceanside youth camp, I heard the preaching of Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, at that time a district superintendent, and the unmistakable call of God to repent of my sins. Returning home as a new Christian, I became active as a witness of God's power to save. Church services, revival services, and special prayer meetings were added to Scouting, athletics, academics, and my part-time job, which I needed to care for personal expenses. My evenings and weekends seemed a whirlwind. The classroom activities seemed a respite in comparison.

It was not difficult to feel the need for or respond to God's call to a sanctifying experience. During one of our church's annual fall revival meetings, the call of God to let Him purify and empower my life became very clear. It didn't take long from the time I knelt at the altar and confessed my need, my desire and my faith, until I received an inner assurance that God had, indeed, sanctified me by His grace.

Later that year while a sophomore in high school, as I prayed for His leadership in selecting a life's ministry, God clearly called me to teach in a Christian college setting. Later, that call took on specific dimensions, but it was sufficient to know God had chosen me to serve Him in a special way. Looking back on my life, I can see how this early call shaped my life and gave strength and purpose, enabling me to hold true to His Word and will during the testing days of adolescence.

My testimony is made rich to me in reviewing the countless ways in which God has blessed and directed my life to this point in time. I need not compare His grace in my life to the traumatic or dramatic events in

the lives and testimonies of others to know that for me, life could have hardly been richer! His grace day by day, His guidance decision by decision, and His blessing in ministry after ministry have kept life full and fulfilling. Whether as a student, a laborer, a local church associate, a public school teacher/counselor, a college teacher or an administrator, a denominational executive, a seminary professor or administrator, the testings are much the same and the joys and satisfactions have been much the same, because my Lord and Savior has remained unchanging in His relationship to me. He still is my Savior, my Sanctifier, my Guide, my support, and my joy! □

## My Difficulty

Lord,  
My difficulty  
is not with the Apostles' Creed,  
but the Christlike word and deed.  
Could this be why You said,  
to deal with sin,  
"You must be born again"?  
And why You commanded,  
"Wait in the Upper Room  
before you assume  
My work"?  
Thank You, Lord,  
for showing me how;  
Help me, in patterned obedience,  
to trust the Life of Your Word;  
Oh, change me,  
NOW!

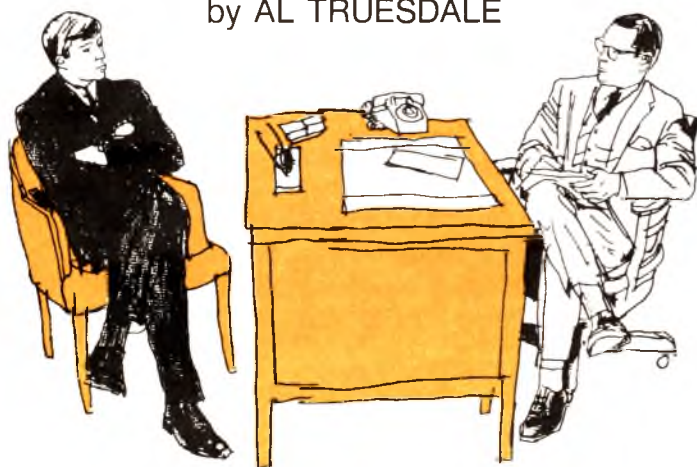
—STAN MEEK  
Pittsburg, Kansas

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# the Surprises of Grace

by AL TRUESDALE



**I** SAT ACROSS the table from the professor who was to be my advisor and who was now helping me register for my first classes at a Nazarene college. To his question, "What degree do you intend to pursue?" I answered innocently, "I did not come to pursue a degree, I came to learn how to become a preacher." In retrospect, I suspect that my advisor wanted to laugh. Instead, he graciously proceeded with the questioning. "And how long do you intend to stay?" he asked. "Four

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years," I answered. At least I knew that much. "right," said he, "you will pursue a B.A. degree with major in religion." I responded, "I will do it!" If he had said "R.N." or "L.P.N.," my response would have been the same.

However, behind that now-humorous ignorance was what college was all about, sat a young man whose life had recently been turned around—given a direction where before there had been none—by Jesus Christ. Into a life that was going nowhere except into destructive habits, aimlessness, and despair, the Giver of life and hope had come to redeem and sanctify. And behind that yawning chasm of uncertainty about what college would involve was a certainty of the Holy Spirit's presence, and the peace of a life fully given to God's will. Perhaps in the same moment that my advisor recognized what a greenhorn he had on his hands, he also recognized the zeal of a young man who knew without doubt that he had been called by God to the Christian ministry, and who wanted more than anything else to fulfill that call.

I sometimes think about that event and church. Those *four* years in school would be all I could give that much I knew. But then, after three years in the pastorate, three years as a student at NTS made *seven*. "Surely, Lord, that will be the end of it." After three years in a doctoral program, my love affair with Nazarene education resumed. After three years teaching at ENC, the *seven* had become *ten*; after four years at ONC, the *ten* became *twelve*. And after five years teaching at NTS, the *twelve* have become *seventeen*! "Now how long did you intend to stay?"

But while the number of years of my association with Nazarene higher education has undergone numerous "adjustments," one thing has not changed: my knowledge of God's call upon my life and a certainty that Jesus Christ can save and sanctify those who without reservation give themselves to Him.

Surely, my college advisor must have said under his breath, "Whew, young man, you are in for some surprises!" He would have been correct beyond his wildest imaginations. But the surprises have been the surprises of God's grace. "To God be the glory!"

"And now, Lord, help me to remember that as a teacher at NTS, it is my responsibility and privilege to help others discover the surprises of grace. Amen."

# SON OF THE CHURCH

by OSCAR F. REED

**I** SUPPOSE I AM a son of the church by birth and a child of God by adoption. The first thing I remember is the old Pasadena College campus and First Church, Pasadena, where I attended church school as a boy. Though I have been absent many years, I still have a deep appreciation for the dedicated teachers who taught me the Scriptures with a loyalty and dedication to the church.

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# NAZARENE ROOTS



H. C. Benner, founding president of the Nazarene Theological Seminary.



(Above) Students crowded out into the basement hallway during the first classes taught by Ralph Earle. (Left) A student tests a sermon on his class, with Professor L. A. Reed at the tape recorder.

## THE NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

"This is not a time for attempting profound declarations. I desire rather to speak simply of the things that are in my heart and mind as I face these new and heavy responsibilities. . . . This has been a year filled with much prayer, a reasonable degree of faith, and a clear realization, growing through the months, that God has answered prayer in every major phase of the work. And, by the grace of God, this first convocation finds us with an outstanding staff, a student body, challenging both as to quality and numbers, and truly heartening prospects. I would say with the Psalmist, 'O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.' . . .

"To that end we shall dedicate our abilities and activities. In our students we would blend the theoretical and practical into a powerful unity of service. We would infuse intellectual excellence with warmth of genuine religious emotion. . . . We would have professional and technical training shot through with the very compassion of the Christ of God. And in all the future of this institution I pray that these words of the apostle Paul may be realized both for staff and students, 'That in all things he [Christ] might have pre-eminence.'" (From H. C. Benner's address to the first convocation of the Nazarene Theological Seminary, September 28, 1945.) □

STEVE COOLEY, Director of Archives

How can I forget the day when at the age of four I knelt at the altar of Long Beach First Church and gave my heart to Christ? The years have passed and there have been some vacillating, but the grace of God given as His gift that evening was never forgotten.

Years later at Bethany Nazarene College, under the pastoral ministry of T. M. Anderson, I opened my heart to the "fulness of the Spirit" and accepted His call to a full-time ministry. I have never been released from that "touch" on the shoulder. As is true of most men, I faced many problems at times, but I never got over the reality of God's call on my heart to His ministry.

I am thankful for the wife God gave me in Grace Reed. My witness is not complete without think-

ing of this wonderfully talented and lovely woman who has stood faithfully beside me for 40 years.

My heart is grateful for the congregations I have served as pastor, the colleges where I have taught, and the seminary where for the last 10 years we have enjoyed the privilege of teaching young men and women preparing for the Christian ministry, for the most part in the Church of the Nazarene.

As I write at my desk, I am most thankful for God's grace that saves, sanctifies, and keeps in these days when we all need so much of Him. My mind's focus is on Jesus Christ and I desire to follow Him all of my life. His Spirit has witnessed with my Spirit that I am His and He is mine. What a wonderful pilgrimage of joy is the pathway that leads to my Savior. □

# AN EARLY, IRREVOCABLE DECISION

by ALEX R. G. DEASLEY

**I**N THE GOOD PROVIDENCE of God I was born into a Christian home in a Christian country. The influence of the one was reinforced by the other. The godliness of my parents' lives made following Christ seem the most natural thing to do: not because it was enforced by edict, but because it appeared to be the normal way to live. This impression was strengthened because in the Scotland of my youth, not only were Christian instruction and prayer part of the daily round of the school curriculum (as is the case to this day), but the lingering influence of the Scottish Reformation and the Scottish Covenanters still left its mark. The Lord's Day was obviously different from the rest; at church-time on Sunday mornings the streets were peopled by obviously church-bound travellers, complete with Bibles and (in the case of men on Communion Sundays) bedecked in top hats and morning coats. Yet far from obscuring the need for individual appropriation of faith, this tradition seemed rather to underline it; and on a memorable day at the age of 10, I gave my life to Christ. To the praise of God I can say I have never gone back on that decision.

In my early teens I became aware of the message of Christian holiness (although I had heard it preached before then). Here the influence of Wesley began to interact with that of John Knox. An interdenominational holiness meeting, organized at the initiative of the Church of the Nazarene in Birmingham, England, to which our family had now moved, was particularly instrumental in influencing me, and I attended its monthly sessions regularly. More than once I sought to receive the grace of full salvation, though I did not do so, probably because I did not understand it as clearly as I needed to. Sometime later, however, at a critical

turning-point, the spotlight of the Spirit brought the matter into focus in a specific area of my life. With the help of God I surrendered myself wholly to His will, and have walked in the peace and assurance of that commitment ever since.

As long as I can recall thinking about a career, I can remember nothing other than a leading to be a preacher. Related to this, however, were both the desire and opportunity to teach. God has graciously enabled me to combine these vocations for almost 21 years. The years of preparation, as well as those of service, have not been without their struggles—intellectual, spiritual, and material—but I am grateful for the strong grip of Him who is able to keep what I have committed to Him. I have learned that Christ is not only the great Creator but the great Sustainer of faith and that to keep going back to Galilee and Judea, to Nazareth and Jerusalem, to the Manger, the Cross, and the Tomb is the surest way of keeping faith fresh and clear and alive.

Many years ago I heard Charles Wesley's hymn: "O Thou who camest from above." It moved me deeply at the time. I later learned that his brother John frequently bore testimony to God's work in his own life by quoting it. The more I reflected on it, the more I came to sense that it expressed my testimony too—especially its last two stanzas. It expresses my testimony at this moment.

*Jesus, confirm my heart's desire,  
To work, and speak, and think for Thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire,  
And still stir up Thy gift in me.  
Ready for all Thy perfect will,  
My acts of faith and love repeat,  
'Til death Thy endless mercies seal,  
And make the sacrifice complete.*

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# A FULFILLED *Prophecy*

by ROB L. STAPLES

**I** WAS CONVERTED at the age of 11 in a small holiness church in Kentucky that was built in 1920 on land that my grandfather had donated, saying as he did so: "Someday one of my grandsons will be a holiness preacher." That was a decade before I was born, but of his 10 grandchildren, I am the one privileged to be the fulfillment of his prophecy. I have always felt that I could say with the Psalmist, "I have a goodly heritage."

In that church I heard the message of holiness and, in my teen years, surrendered to the Spirit's sanctifying grace. There also the Lord began to lay on my heart the call to Christian ministry.

Then there followed (in rapid succession, it now seems) Trevecca Nazarene College, Nazarene Theological Seminary, and eight years in two pastorates in California. In the last pastorate, over a five-year period, part of it during a long relocation and building program, I found time to attend graduate school and eventually earn a doctorate in theology.

Years before, at Trevecca, from the very first week of a sophomore course in "Introduction to Theology," I had known that no other academic subject could ever hold for me the fascination that theology held. What I did *not* yet understand was that God calls some men and women to *teach* the Christian faith, just as He calls some to *preach* it. Through the years it gradually became clear that my call to ministry was becoming a call to teach theology, and that those years in the pastorate were a vital part of my preparation for a ministry in the classroom. There followed 13 years of teaching in the Department of Religion at Bethany Nazarene College, and then these past 6 years at NTS.

The rewards of teaching come neither spectacularly nor soon. There are other forms of service where the rewards seem bigger and the fruits of one's ministry more quickly harvested. But after almost two decades of teaching the Christian faith, when I see hundreds of former students performing fruitful service as dedicated pastors, missionaries, laymen, and professors in all our stateside Nazarene colleges save one, and in several of our overseas Bible schools—then I know

that *I have my reward*. I hope that all these people are a little better because their lives touched mine.

I am glad that I did not listen to those many well-meaning brethren who told me that a seminary education was enough, that higher learning was incompatible with vital faith, and that by attending graduate school I might jeopardize both my faith and my future.

I am also glad that my grandfather donated the land on which to build that holiness church! □

## MY PRAYER

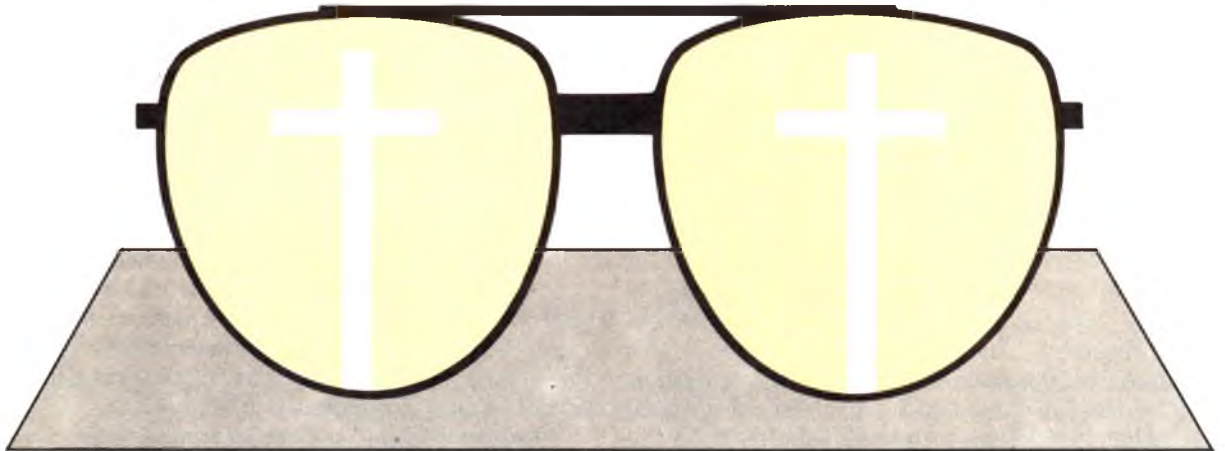
- O God,  
That I might use my voice  
For Thee.  
That through the years  
My song shall be  
A lilt of love  
To souls in agony.
- O God,  
That I might use my hands  
For Thee.  
That daily as I walk this way  
My touch shall be  
A gentle love  
To others in captivity.
- O God,  
That I might have more faith  
In Thee.  
That as I journey here below  
My faith might be  
Encouragement  
To those in misery.

—MARY ANNE MILLER  
York, Nebraska

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# OVERTIME CHECKS AND CALVARY-TINTED GLASSES



by WESLEY D. TRACY

**L**AST WEEK a man shot two of his friends and barricaded himself in a house just a few blocks from Nazarene Theological Seminary. The police held him at bay for 25 hours. Finally a specially trained officer, an acquaintance of mine, talked the gunslinger into giving up.

My wife spoke about the incident to the officer's wife. "Oh, yes," she exclaimed. "That was 25 hours of overtime. I can't wait 'til payday!"

Two men were killed. Several policemen were still breathing due only to their skill in dodging .38 caliber slugs. Several citizens had also been put to risk. Two young wives were now widows; two children now fatherless. The gunman, himself a victim of a slum-dwelling broken family, pushers and hustlers, and "Levites" who only practice religion in fashionable suburbs, was tragically deranged. In dialog with the officer who finally talked him out of the building, the gunman kept saying, "I'm worried about Gene." "How is Gene?" "Where did Gene go?" He *himself* was Gene.

Here were acres of pain accenting Horace Walpole's epigram, "The world is a mystery to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel." Yet the policeman's wife saw all this as "25 hours of overtime—hurry up, payday." And in so doing she reveals that the widows and fatherless, the man with a gun in his hand, and the men with bullets in their brains are not the only victims. She too is a victim.

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Victims of all sorts are all around us. Only the love of God in Christ can set them free. But God has chosen to "save men by men," as John Wesley said when he preached the dedicatory sermon for Kingswood School. What a privilege it is to share in a similar enterprise at Nazarene Theological Seminary. Here members of the faculty have the chance to stand with the students and help them see the world through Calvary-tinted glasses. It's not always easy. The whirlwind that is life sometimes gets dust in your eyes. At times you have to squint hard to keep your focus on Christ instead of overtime checks, powerful problems, institutional trappings, and other worldly contagions.

Ever since I was saved 33 years ago, and sanctified in that same brush arbor revival meeting, I have been held captive by the idea of preaching and teaching Christ. At the seminary the educator's task, which only by grace I even dare to hope to achieve, is to come each year to a better understanding of "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it" (Matthew 10:39), and then to stand with the students, themselves wonders of God's grace, and together try to come to the knowledge of what we are to do about this truth in our day. Life at seminary isn't always that noble—financial famines, term papers, due dates, and a few obnoxious students sometimes are as hard to bear as bunions. But we try, for you see, a lot of people out there, like Gene, have not only lost everything—they have lost themselves. And it will take more than a subscription to *Psychology Today*, a larger serving of food stamps, a new Honda, or a fat overtime check to redeem them. □

# A JOURNEY OF

**M**Y COUSIN placed a college yearbook in my hand and said, "This is where I go to college." I was not a Nazarene, but I was a Christian, having been saved in a Youth for Christ meeting. I began to pray for God's guidance concerning higher education. Although my two sisters had attended Syracuse University, the Lord very clearly directed me to Eastern Nazarene College. That decision changed my life!

At ENC I saw professors who lived a holy, separated life of love; who really did combine the best in scholarship with the best in the Christian faith. By the second semester of the sophomore year, early morning devotional times had become my personal area for spiritual growth in His great love.

Finally, on the last Sunday morning of the spring revival with Dr. Mendell Taylor (from NTS), I promised the Lord that if there was an altar call I would go forward to seek the experience of entire sanctification. However, there was no altar call. Desperate for this experience that I had seen so beautifully evidenced in the lives of my teachers, I returned to Room 306 of Memorial dorm and locked the door. Covenanting with God not to leave the room, eat meals, or attend classes until the work had been done, I began to pray. The

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Love



by CHARLES GAILEY

Lord saw my total consecration and instantaneously sanctified me. How well I remember that life-changing experience!

Crossing the campus to dinner (it had all happened so fast, I didn't even miss one meal!), I had an overwhelming sense of His perfect love. God had taken the sophisticated prejudice and pride that I had felt as a student leader, and replaced it with pure love. My heart was full of love for my fellow students, love for the poor, the sick, the disfigured. Love for everyone, everywhere.

Before graduation, I had become a member of the Church of the Nazarene, had found my beautiful and faithful wife, Doris, and had sub-

mitted my preliminary application for missionary service. All because of His love.

I have seen this love in operation on two continents, as my work thus far has been approximately divided in half between teaching at ENC (10 years) and being a missionary to Africa (12 years).

At present, I am training new missionaries and ministers by teaching in the missions program at Nazarene Theological Seminary.

My prayer now is that, like my cousin, who loved me by placing a yearbook in my hand, and my teachers, who loved me in the classroom, I will also love others, that through His replicated love, they too may enjoy changed lives. □

## UNEXPECTED ASSIGNMENT

by ROBERT E. CRABTREE

**I** CONSIDER IT a privilege to serve God and the Church of the Nazarene at Nazarene Theological Seminary. The revelation and implementation of God's will for my life was clear, but nonetheless unexpected, when I joined the faculty of NTS in 1959.

After completing undergraduate studies at Olivet Nazarene College, I responded to God's leading by enrolling at NTS. It was during my senior year in seminary that President L. T. Corlett (retired, 1966) called me into his office to ask if I would consider joining the faculty as librarian. Though a preliminary application had been filed at Michigan State University to pursue

doctoral studies in clinical psychology, my wife and I felt it was God's will to accept the position as seminary librarian. I served in that capacity until 1978. After two years as assistant to the president, I accepted my present assignment as registrar and director of admissions.

I praise God for salvation from sin and for the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in cleansing and sanctifying power. I am thankful for God-fearing, loving parents who directed my path in the holiness movement, culminating in membership in the Church of the Nazarene.

It is my prayer that I shall continue service in the center of God's will, wherever He may lead. □

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**T**HE PRIVILEGES of a solid Christian home play a significant role in my life. My father and mother were devout practicing Christians from the beginning of their marriage. The ministers and their wives from the local Church of the Nazarene were frequent visitors in our home. The power of their prayers and the manifest presence of God in their lives made indelible impressions upon my life.

The earliest memories of the specific moving of God in my life come from the fall I turned seven. The acceptance of Christ was inextricably linked to a call to ministry. The nature of that call was colored by the powerful patterns of godly pastors.

Teenage years brought the usual struggle for identity and search for personal spiritual patterns. The call of God upon my life was so strong that I enrolled at Northwest Nazarene College as a ministerial student, even though I was not enjoying a relationship with Christ. Several incidents in the spring of my sophomore year combined to bring me into a fresh confrontation with Christ. Praise be to God for those events!

The joy of linguistics and a philosophy major deepened my resolve to seek full-time service in the Kingdom. It was in my senior year of college that a professor from another department casually asked whether I had ever considered college teaching as a place of ministry. The search for divine guidance and the advice of trusted Christian friends lasted for the next several years.

Nazarene Theological Seminary was a rich experience for me, for my thirst for biblical knowledge

through the original languages was met. The patterns of the Kingdom and the joy of ministry in it were transmitted powerfully by the strong spiritual and academic patterns of the school. In March of my senior year I found the peace and stabilization of entire sanctification at the altar of the chapel.

Another series of guidance events brought me to Princeton Theological Seminary for my Th.M. work. The world of scholarship and biblical studies continued to open. A strong concern for authenticity and reality convinced me that valid and valuable teaching of the Bible demanded exposure to the hurts and struggles of the person on the street. Additional guidance events placed me in the pastorate in Danbury, Conn. The crucial nature of those years in determining the content and direction of my life climaxed in the death of my wife from cancer. Increasing dependence upon God was the only option!

In a relatively brief span of time I was ordained into the ministry, invited to join the faculty at NNC upon completion of a doctoral program, and accepted into the doctoral program at Princeton Theological Seminary. The direction of my life toward the teaching ministry was clearly indicated.

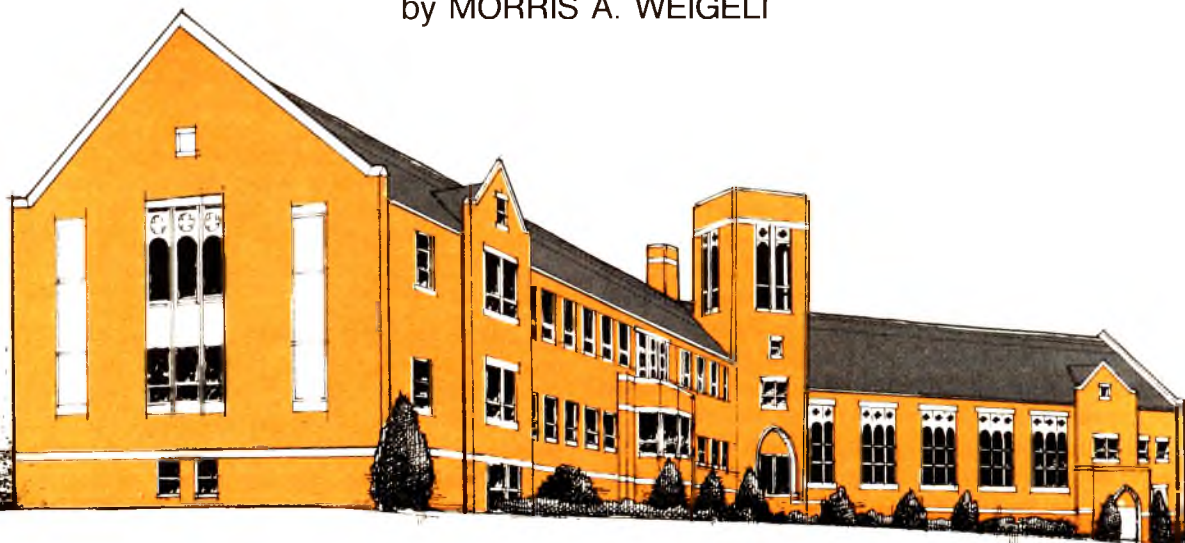
The 17 years of teaching that have been completed have repeatedly evidenced the guidance and grace of God. The care and guidance of hundreds of students over these years has been a joy. I have given gladly even to the point of exhaustion. In recent days the Lord has granted a significant renewal for the second half of my professional journey. Praise be to His name!

No one is more amazed than I at the path upon which God has led me from that North Dakota farm to the classroom at Nazarene Theological Seminary. Grace and grace alone is the answer! □

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# AMAZING GRACE AND GUIDANCE

by MORRIS A. WEIGELT





# Rural Church to Urban Classroom

by ALVIN S. LAWHEAD

**T**HE ELDEST in a family of six children, I grew up in western Pennsylvania, where my father worked in a coal mine. Because of our large family and the economy of those days, there was barely enough for the necessities of life. But more tragically, ours was not a churchgoing family and my spiritual education consisted of a few periods of spasmodic attendance at Sunday School.

During the summer before my senior year in high school, we were forced to move to a poor rural setting where I first discovered the Church of the Nazarene. The Ryot Church consisted of a handful of dedicated Christians pastored by a faithful bivocational minister,

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Rev. R. Verle Ickes. Impressed by their testimonies and the quality of their lives, I was soon joyously converted and for the first time in my life experienced the reality of divine forgiveness and the abiding presence of Christ.

Within a year I entered into the experience of heart holiness under the preaching of Rev. Bona Fleming. The deep struggle of my heart—making a full commitment to the will of God—came to an end that day. Three days later, in my pastor's study, God called me into the ministry of His Word. Within weeks I was at Eastern Nazarene College to begin preparation for fulfilling my call. God faithfully provided for my needs during those years at ENC, and later at Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Upon graduation from seminary, I began my pastoral ministry in New York state, which lasted for 14 years. Pastorates included Seneca Falls and Schenectady, N.Y., including the construction of new sanctuaries at both places. Toward the close of my years in Schenectady, I began to sense the Holy Spirit leading toward the teaching ministry. I attended Boston University and began work on a Ph.D. program in Old Testament studies. During this time I also pastored the Nazarene congregation at Dennisport, Mass. My teaching experiences include a brief stint at Canadian Nazarene College and eight wonderful years at Mount Vernon Nazarene College. In 1981 I was invited to join the faculty at Nazarene Theological Seminary.

It is a great source of personal blessing to see how the Lord has directed my life, and it is a privilege to serve in a church that has always given me more than I deserved and paid me more than I was worth. □

## Book Brief

### MAKING THE SMALL CHURCH GROW



ROBERT E. MANER  
author



**I**N HIS FOREWORD, William M. Greathouse calls the author "a small-church pastor who has earned his right to speak . . . who has seen his own congregation almost double in the past few years and come alive in the spirit of servanthood to Christ and its community."

Robert E. Maner's "right to speak" is what gives this book special appeal, for he has gone through all the difficult spots, suffered the frustrations any small-

church pastor suffers, and has felt the pulse of average small-church congregations often enough to know what they need.

Maner sets the tone in his preface: "Pastors of small churches have a sort of inferiority complex that goes with the job. Actually there is nothing disgraceful about being a small-church pastor. Most of the churches in this world are small churches."

So, layperson or pastor, if you're tired of "the pastor of a large church . . . always telling us how and what to do," you've found your book! Maner meets you at eye level, for he sits where you sit. *Church Growth: America*, in its fall 1982 issue, calls this a "what we did to solve it" book written in a style that encourages honest realism, as well as faith that God can help small churches grow."

All of the chapters contain concrete help to inspire the discouraged church and prod the static one to action. But perhaps the best is Chapter 12: "Why Should Anyone Attend Your Church?" Finding the answer to that (and doing something about it) could set your small church on fire for God! □

—Evelyn Stenbock  
Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City  
To order, see page 23.

# the editor's STANDPOINT

## POSSESS THE PROMISE

"Possess the promise with us." With this theme simultaneous revivals are taking place this month on certain of our districts. Such revival meetings will be conducted on other districts throughout the year.

"Possess the promise"—I like that. "Promise" accents divine grace, all that God has done in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ to save people from sin. "Possess" reminds us of human responsibility. Until we believe the Word of God, salvation remains an untapped resource, an unclaimed treasure.

To the world our revivals are saying, "Possess the promise of new life." The gospel says, "You must be born again," and you can be born again. "These have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31, NASB). Sins can be forgiven, guilt can be canceled, life can be transformed—such is the provision of the Cross and the power of the Spirit.

To the church our revivals are saying, "Possess the promise of a clean heart." God calls His people to holiness, commanding, "Be holy . . . in all your behavior" (1 Peter 1:15, NASB). Life is lived from the inside out. Our hearts determine our conduct. Every Christian needs to be filled with the Spirit, and to be cleansed from all self-centeredness, that the Holy One may reside in and preside over the entire life. God has promised, "I will cleanse you from all your filthiness . . . And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes . . ." (Ezekiel 36:25, 27, NASB). The blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse us from all sin.

"With us"—I like that, too. The church is not *of* the world, but it is *in* the world *for* the world. We are not to isolate ourselves in pharisaical smugness. Rather, we are to love and serve others, inviting them to share the fullness of life found in the promise of God.

On with revivals! Possess the promise!

## SEMINARY PROFESSORS

What is a seminary professor?

He or she is a person thoroughly educated, whose gifts for teaching have been recognized by the church. That does set the seminary faculty apart from most of us, who are less well educated and lack gifts for teaching.

But the seminary professor is first of all a redeemed sinner, a man or woman who has been forgiven, cleansed, and renewed by the grace of God in Jesus Christ. And like all ransomed sinners, they live by faith in the Son of God who loved them and gave himself for them. That makes them one with us, bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh, brothers and sisters in the family of the Lord.

Our thinking about professors is too often stereotyped. How easily and quickly we paste labels on them—"eggheads," "ivory-towered intellectuals" who live a cloistered existence, out of touch with our toil and tears. That is a caricature, as unfair as it is untrue.

Throughout this issue you will find testimonies from

our seminary personnel. I thought you ought to get acquainted with them as persons saved from sin, called to their work by God, and rejoicing to be in His will whatever cost to themselves. Therefore, I request from them these testimonies, and they graciously acceded to my request.

I know these men personally. I love them and respect their contributions to the life of our church. Each one is different from the others, as different as plum pudding is from grits. Each one thinks for himself, and they sometimes disagree with one another. That's the way it should be. But each one lives for the whole community, enriching one another's minds and lives. And each one shares the work and witness of so many in the local church, finding in corporate worship the means and measures of grace that we also find in fellowship with them.

Meet our seminary teachers and administrators. They are good people to know, and your support of the work to which they are giving their lives is a very significant investment.

He proved he was a man when he ran from a woman. No angel or supersaint would have been chased out of town by angry Jezebel. But a man would and Elijah was.

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## DISTRACTIONS

I found it hard to write. Doris was mowing the lawn and the power mower made an awful racket. But I kept writing and she kept mowing and we both met our deadlines.

If you can't work with distractions you may not get much done. The clamor of our age is almost nonstop. When you are deeply involved in an urgent task the doorbell will chime, a truck will backfire, a police siren will tear the air apart, or the neighbor's kid will set the house afire. You can say, "What's the use," and go soak your nerves in the bathtub—and the phone will ring.

A preacher who can't study unless all is quiet won't be ready to preach on Sunday morning. A doctor who can't operate unless his mind is uncluttered will bury lots of patients. A politician who can't deliver a speech unless the whole crowd is listening has wasted his money on ghostwriters. A wife who can't fix supper unless the kids are quiet will have to eat out or starve. It's a noisy world.

What's true of our vocational activities is true also of our "spiritual" activities. If you wait until you are secure against distraction before you pray, you won't do much praying. If you study the Bible only when you are unpressured by other things, you won't learn much about God's Book. If you go to meeting and listen to preaching only when your mind is clear, your pew will be a good place to hang a "VACANCY" sign. If you visit and witness only when you can be sure of unhurried, uninterrupted moments with another, you won't tell many folks about Christ.

Our Lord understands this uproar, confusion, and distraction. Mark tells of a time when the "coming and going" left Him with "no leisure" for eating meals. When He tried to get away He was quickly surrounded by over 5,000 people (6:31-44). Most of His ministry was spent in the midst of crowds and was subject to constant interruptions. We can't wait for ideal conditions. God will help us to achieve something for the Kingdom in the midst of the hustle and bustle. □

## A MAN LIKE US

Elijah comes on the scene abruptly and unannounced. Nothing is said of his ancestry, training, or call. Suddenly he is there, confronting the devotees of Baal with bonine bravery. His exit is just as dramatic—he is lifted heavenward in a whirlwind. For all we know about him, he could have dropped in from another world, accomplished his mission, and been beamed back to that alien planet. But James, in a single statement, assures us that he was real and ordinary: "Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are" (5:17). As the NIV puts it, "a man just like us."

He proved he was a man when he ran from a woman. No angel or supersaint would have been chased out of town by angry Jezebel. But a man would and Elijah was. He found it easier to face a wicked king and a corrupt priesthood than one vicious woman.

Elijah was made of the same kind of mud as we are. He was no better, no worse, no stronger, no weaker in and of himself. He needed food, clothes, shelter, sleep,

friendship, and encouragement just as preachers do today. He was capable of great courage—and loss of nerve. He was capable of costly commitment—and faltering faith. He was capable of unusual sacrifice—and erosive self-pity. He could live with zest—and whine to die.

If he was "a man just like us," how can we explain his exploits? "He prayed." That's it, simply and exactly. He prayed and the heavens were closed, bringing severe drought. He prayed and the skies were opened, quenching the thirsty earth. He prayed! He didn't just say prayers or read prayers or preach about prayer—"he prayed earnestly."

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." No other trait can substitute for righteousness. No other activity can substitute for prayer. We've tried all kinds of substitutes, but the fire did not fall from heaven. "The Lord God of Elijah" acts in response to prayer. It's time to pray. Privately, publicly, sincerely, believably, let us pray! □



I suspect I'm going to be told the gallows was the cross, but should not the word cross have been used in place of gallows?

Lee Powell  
Oxford, Michigan

#### USED AS EXAMPLE

Let me commend you on your "Special Issue" of the *Herald of Holiness* (October 1, 1982). Of course, the subject of the entire issue is wonderful, but the layout and overall design of that edition is most attractive.

As a board member of the International Pentecostal Press Association, I was called on recently to participate in a workshop in Nairobi, Kenya. (An editors' and writers'

seminar was held in conjunction with the World Pentecostal Conference.) I served on a critiquing panel where I discussed magazine design and the magazine's statement of purpose. I chose your magazine (four-color cover and two-color inside) and another magazine (two-color cover and alternate pages) as examples of excellence.

May God continue to bless the ministry of the *Herald of Holiness*.

Shirley Spencer  
Oklahoma City

#### PRISONER SAVED

I'm writing this letter in hopes that you might put what I got to say in your book letting other people know what it's like not to have God in their life. Before I went to court to be sen-

tenced, my wife and I got a divorce, one that I did not want. One week from my divorce I went back to court and got five years. I was doing dope, hard dope, P.C.P. I was an alcoholic, and I just wanted to give it all up until one Sunday, here at Westville Correctional Center, I went to church, got down on my knees, and asked God to take my life and do with it what He wanted to. He came in to my life and saved me. I'll never forget it. Since then my wife has been writing me and I know God's going to bring us back together as a family, and my life looks beautiful. God does work if we just let Him help. I pray to God we can get back as a family. Please keep us in mind when you pray.

Kenneth McCormick  
Westville, Indiana

## God Worked at Both Ends

by FRANCES ROBINSON

PASTOR KEN, as usual, had set aside time early in the week to prepare next Sunday morning's sermon. After waiting on God he was led to several verses in Matthew 5, following the Beatitudes. Thoughts leaped from the page as he was plainly shown that "our righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees" with all their laws and disciplines and good works; something further was needed for us to be acceptable to God. As Ephesians 2:8-9 says: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Later that week, across the huge city of Toronto, a young businessman of Oriental background was struggling with tormenting thoughts of failure in his efforts to be a good Christian by acts of daily discipline. Problems were confronting him that were more than he could solve, and he was discouraged. On Saturday evening he withdrew to a place where he could be alone and opened his Bible.

He found himself going over the Beatitudes, then, on reading further, he discovered that he had been trying to establish his own righteousness by good works, just as the Pharisees had done. But it wasn't working, his

problems were not getting solved, and his sense of guilt was growing. Surely there must be a solution to it all.

After a sleepless night Sam decided to drive across the city and look for a church service. He was suddenly compelled to stop at a church on Kennedy Road. He would be a stranger there but that didn't matter to him; he just had to get help.

The people greeted him in a friendly manner. Some of them were white and some black; here and there were some of his own Oriental background. As the service progressed the atmosphere of joy began to seep into his heart a little. These people had what he wanted. Then, to his amazement, the pastor rose to preach and announced as his text Matthew 5:20.

As Sam sat in rapt attention, the Holy Spirit spoke to his heart, telling him to give up his struggling and turn his life over to Christ. When the pastor concluded the message, he invited anyone who wanted help to come to the altar to pray. Without hesitation Sam hurried to the front. There, with the pastor's guidance and with others praying nearby, it wasn't long before this intelligent young man yielded his life to the Lord Jesus with no reservations.

Before leaving the church Sam told a group of us, with tears of joy, how the burden had been lifted. Now he knew that the Holy Spirit would be his Guide. He asked us to pray that some problems would be solved, which we promised to do. As we all rejoiced, we agreed that the Holy Spirit had been working at both ends in giving Sam that very scripture to read, then leading him to the church where the pastor had been led to preach that same message. How marvelous are God's workings, and His ways past finding out! To Him be the glory! □

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FRANCES ROBINSON is the widow of a Nazarene minister and is a member of Prince Albert Church in Saskatchewan, Canada.

## "By ALL MEANS... Save Some"

# IN THE NEWS

## PEOPLE AND PLACES



**Charles Davis** of Winter Haven, Fla., was elected judge of the Polk County Court on September 7. Davis, a Trevecca Nazarene College graduate, received approximately 60 percent of the votes in the county-wide election. Davis received his law degree from the University of Florida College of Law and has previously served as a city commissioner and mayor of Winter Haven.

He also serves on the Winter Haven First Church board and as an adult Sunday School teacher. He has held several offices on the Central Florida District, and was a member of the TNC Board of Trustees. Davis and his wife, Vonnice, have one son, Chad. □



**David W. Holtz** of Toledo, Ohio, received the Doctor of Ministry degree on October 9, 1982, from Drew University at Madison, N.J. Dr. Holtz pastors the Toledo Center for Spiritual Development—Church of the Nazarene.

Holtz received his A.B. from Bethany Nazarene College in 1974 and obtained his M.Div. from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1977.

Dr. Holtz, his wife, Lyndell, and their four children live in Maumee, Ohio. □

**Gary B. Morsch, M.D.**, a Florida Hospital Family Practice resident, was among 20 national recipients of an award from the American Academy of Family Practice Physicians (AAFPP).

Given annually to only 20 residents nationwide, the award is made possible by a grant from the Pharmaceutical and Nutritional Division of Mead-Johnson and Company, Evansville, Ind.

Candidates are selected on the basis of scholastic achievement, leadership qualities and qualifications for, and interest in family practice. Morsch, who serves as president of the Florida Acad-

emy of Family Practice Residents, is the first Florida Hospital resident to receive the Mead-Johnson award, picked up in October at the San Francisco meeting of the AAFPP.

Involved in a variety of projects, Morsch is currently working on his masters in public health and also did an elective in aerospace medicine, working with NASA physicians on last fall's shuttle launch. He just returned from mainland China following a historic visit to medical and missionary centers. He was impressed by the total commitment of the evangelical Christian. He states, "The persecution of the

Chinese Christian has fanned the fires of evangelism." Total commitment to Christ has doubled since the takeover of Communism! □

**Jeff Tavares**, of Modesto, Calif., First Church, was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., by California Congressman Tony Coelho. Jeff graduated from Thomas Downey High School, where he played football for four years. He was Boys State representative his junior year, and a life member of the California Scholarship Federation.

Jeff received the Rotary Club Youth Merit Award, the Bank of America Math and Science Award, the U.S. Army Scholarship Athletic Award, the Cabrillo Scholarship Cash Grant, and the Griswold Achievement Award for Physical Education.

He is a member of Modesto First Church, received the Caravan Phineas F. Bresee Award in 1976, and was high school representative for the NYI Council. □



Shown at a recent Marriage Enrichment training seminar in Kansas City are (l. to r.): Dick and Sherry Bond, Overland Park, Kans.; Ivan and Virginia Lathrop, Lawson, Mo.; Roxanne and Doug Human, Independence, Mo.; Jean and Robert Gaut, Republic, Mo.; and Marilyn and J. Paul Turner, facilitators. The Gauts are Joplin District Marriage and Family Life directors. The Bonds, Lathrops, and Humans join 10 other couples on the Kansas City District as Marriage Enrichment leaders.



Richard and Sharon Bushey of Howell, Mich., are shown as they lead the first Marriage Enrichment retreat held on the Eastern Michigan District for pastors and wives. Seated (l. to r., front row) are Evelyn and Don Gibson, district superintendent; Linda and Ernie Lewis, Port Huron North Hills; Wayne and Bonnie Lewis, Swartz Creek; Virginia and Allen Dace, Flint Central. Back row (l. to r.) are Jerry and Judy Street, Brighton; Lynn and Bob Wilson, Lake Louise; and Jan and David Ballard, Marine City.





Pictured (l. to r.) at the Wichita First Church 70th anniversary homecoming are: Dr. Marselle Knight, district superintendent; Dr. O. J. Finch, former pastor; Dr. G. A. Gough, former pastor; Dr. Gene Williams, present pastor; and Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, general superintendent.

### WICHITA FIRST OBSERVES 70th ANNIVERSARY

Wichita, Kans., First Church celebrated its 70th anniversary during the month of September. Each Sunday had a significant meaning, starting with recognition of members of 50 years or more. The following Sunday, the congregation read commitments signed 27 years ago, with a service of signing new commitments to God. "Olde-Fashioned" Sunday was celebrated on the

third Sunday, with about half of the congregation dressing in early 1900s attire. Several drove antique autos to church.

General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson spoke on homecoming Sunday to nearly 1,200 people, including past members and pastors. The month-long celebration was brought to a climax when charter member Pearl Poslick lit the match to burn the mortgage on the \$3 million facility, and the choir sang

the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." The day of praise concluded as the 75-voice choir and orchestra presented "Exaltation," a musical of scripture songs.

Wichita First completed its 70th year with all-time record highs being reached by Pastor Gene Williams and the people. □

### NATAL DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORT

The ninth assembly of the Natal District met in Durban, Republic of South Africa, November 6-8, 1982. There were 85 delegates to conduct the business for the coming year. Dr. R. F. Zanner, regional director for Africa, chaired the assembly.

Mission Director Norman Zurcher, who acted as district superintendent for the past year, highlighted the victories on the district. Since the Zurchers are being transferred to the Johannesburg area, a new district superintendent was to be elected. After an apparent deadlock to the sixth ballot, Dr. Zanner presented a motion from the Advisory Board to ask the general superintendent to appoint a district su-

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perintendent for this coming year. The assembly voted with 84 to 1 for an appointment.

The Natal District is one of the fastest growing districts in Africa and in the denomination. Full membership has now reached 1,349, with an increase of 14.2 percent last year. In addition, there are 221 probationary members. There were 204 members received by profession of faith last year. Total income has now climbed to \$80,000, an increase of 33.5 percent last year.

The assembly closed on Sunday morning with a rally. Dr. Zanner preached to an audience of approximately 1,000 people in a community center. ☐

### SWAZILAND SOUTH DISTRICT MEETS

The sixth annual assembly of Swaziland South National Mission District met at Nhlanguano, Swaziland, October 22-25. Rev. Samuel Dlamini, district superintendent, leads this young district. Dr. Richard Zanner, regional director for Africa, chaired the assembly.

The 35 delegates came from 8 churches and 5 preaching points. There was a 20 percent increase in full members over last year. Total giving is up by 52 percent (\$4,136) while the district budget (\$554) increased by 107 percent over the previous year. Five new areas have been entered since the beginning of the quinquennium, and 3 churches organized. A goal has been set for 12 new churches by the end of the quinquennium, and a total membership of 1,000.

Mr. R. Shongwe, Mr. E. Motsa, and Mr. M. Babuza, laymen, and Rev. G. Mnisi were elected to the Advisory Board. Miss R. Mhlanga was elected NWMS president; John Zwane, NYI president; and Mrs. P. Dlamini, CL/SS chairlady.

The assembly closed with Communion. Dr. Zanner and Rev. Dlamini conducted the service. ☐

T. D. Nothstine  
Mission Director

### NAZARENE EUROPEAN RETREAT FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

The 25th Annual European Nazarene Servicemen's Retreat for military personnel and their families, sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene, was conducted October 11-15, 1982, in Berchtesgaden, West Germany. The retreat focused on the theme "Spiritual Renewal for Our Journey."

Armed forces personnel and their families, numbering 142, came from many points in Europe. Chaplain Gene



**Pictured (l. to r.) are the retreat workers: Chaplain Marvin Kelman, Chaplain and Mrs. James Thompson, Dr. and Mrs. Orville W. Jenkins, Chaplain and Mrs. L. A. Bevan, Chaplain and Mrs. Rick Needham, Chaplain and Mrs. Gene King, Chaplain and Mrs. Bill Stanger (not shown—Chaplain and Mrs. Gene Ahlstrom).**

Ahlstrom was the "project officer" for this event. He was assisted directly by Chaplain Rick Needham, supported by all of the Nazarene chaplains presently stationed with Army units in West Germany.


The staff of workers included Nazarene leadership from many areas of the denomination. Among them were Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, general superintendent, as the main speaker, along with Mrs. Louise Jenkins who shared with Chaplain L. A. Bevan, Chaplaincy coordinator, in the ministry with the wives who were present. Also attending were Dr. Walter Crow, president of European Nazarene Bible College, and Dr. Robert Staples, who is on sabbatical from Nazarene Theological Seminary and presently serving on the Bible college faculty.

The music was under the able leadership of Bobby Michaels. He lifted the service with his skillful musical presentations, and inspired everyone with his deep commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Various seminars were planned for the youth, the single soldier, and the adults. Pertinent messages were given by resource persons who gave of themselves in sincerity and quality.

Dr. Orville W. Jenkins communicated a warm and genuine spirit, with the inspiration of his Bible-centered messages. The attendees deeply appreciated the presence of the general superintendent and his wife as they became a vital part of the retreat community. One chaplain stated, "Every service was a camp meeting time in the presence of the Lord."

The next European Nazarene Servicemen's Retreat is scheduled for October 10-14, 1983, at Berchtesgaden. Dr. William M. Greathouse, general superintendent, will be the guest speaker for this event. All who may have relatives and friends in Europe should make them aware of this date, and make their plans to be present for such an overwhelming time of fellowship, blessing, and most importantly, the presence of our risen Lord. ☐



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### TNC GAINS MEMBERSHIP TO NATIONAL MUSIC ASSOCIATION

The Music Department of Trevecca Nazarene College was voted into full membership of the National Association of Schools of Music at the November meeting in Seattle.

Trevecca was the first Nazarene college to be accredited as an associate member in 1976.

Fred A. Mund is chairman of the Music Department. □

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### MANLEY AND WELCH TO SPEAK AT WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS



The General NYI Council and staff of Youth Ministries announces the selection of Dr. Stephen Manley and Dr. Reuben Welch as featured speakers for WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS '83. The event is scheduled for June 20-27 in Oaxtepec, Mexico.



Rev. Stephen Manley is a commissioned evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene. He is an evangelist with a pastor's insight. Having also served as a pastor for seven years, Manley has spoken at youth camps, college revivals, and local church meetings. In May 1981, he received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary. Rev. Manley recently served as one of the fea-

tured holiness speakers at GREENLAKE '82, a conference for college/career youth. His vibrant, Christ-centered message and fresh style will highlight one of the evening services of WYC '83.



Reuben Welch is a well-known and loved speaker to youth and adults alike. Welch currently serves as chaplain of Point Loma College, where he also teaches courses in biblical literature. He has authored five books—*We Really Do Need Each Other*, *When You Run Out of Fantastic—Persevere*, *We Really Do Need to Listen*, *To Timothy and All Other Disciples*, and *Luke*, volume 3 of the *Beacon Bible Expositions*. A graduate of Pasadena College and Nazarene Theological Seminary, Welch had also pastored in Hawaii, Arizona, and California before joining the college faculty in 1960. He was awarded the Doctor of Divinity from Point Loma College in June 1980.

Welch will be leading in the morning Bible study each day at WYC '83. In 1978, he also led in this special time at WYC, which became remembered by participants as "Reuben's Rock." His morning breaking of the Word was compiled in the book titled *To Timothy and All Other Disciples*. At WYC '83, he will be focusing on the Book of Ephesians.

For more information concerning WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS '83,

contact your district NYI president, or Mike Estep, director of the event, at 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. Watch for further WYC Updates in future issues of the *Herald of Holiness*. □

### BEACON DICTIONARY NEARS COMPLETION AT NPH

The momentous project, *Beacon Dictionary of Theology*, is nearing completion, and the finished product is expected to be delivered in the spring of 1983. The preface indicates, "This dictionary is unabashedly evangelical and



During a December visit to Kansas City, Dr. Richard Taylor (r.) received a briefing from Dr. Fred Parker concerning the cover design and a section of the printout. At the extreme left of the picture is a portion of the original manuscript which measured 11 inches thick when it was delivered to the production office—the largest manuscript ever submitted at one time.



just as unabashedly Wesleyan. . . . It is the conviction of the editors and publishers that a scholarly dictionary frankly committed to a Wesleyan understanding of salvation has been long overdue."

There are 954 articles that have come from the pens of 157 contributors. Dr. Richard S. Taylor is the editor and Dr. J. Kenneth Grider and Dr. Willard S. Taylor assisted as consulting editors. Dr. J. Fred Parker assumed much of the responsibility for working out technical printing details and overall troubleshooting when questions arose.

This manuscript was one of the first to be set on the new Bedford Autologic computerized typesetting system recently installed at the Nazarene Publishing House. Five hundred galleys are now in computer printout form. □

### SOME 75th ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES AT ONC

Friday and Saturday evenings, November 12 and 13, simultaneous musical programs were held in Chalfant Hall, attended by 2,000 people on Olivet's campus, while another 2,000 attended varsity basketball games in a Kankakee school gymnasium.

Friday night the Concert Band honored Dr. Harlow Hopkins, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts, as the band's director for 25 years. Some 50 alumni band members joined with the current band for the final portion of the program.

Saturday night some 300 alumni members of Orpheus Choir joined with the 74-voice student choir in a sacred concert to celebrate 50 years of the group's "Ministry of Music." Dr. George Dunbar and Mrs. Naomi Larsen directed the choir.

Other events at homecoming arranged by Selden Marquart, alumni director, included a parade with 10 bands, 20 floats, and 40 antique cars; 12 class reunions; and 25 meetings of academic departments and campus clubs. □

### PERSPECTIVES OF ONC'S DIAMOND YEAR

The 75th anniversary of Olivet Nazarene College has been observed throughout the fall semester of 1982. Special activities will continue through Commencement May 23, 1983.

President Emeritus Harold W. Reed addressed the faculty and staff at the annual dinner to open the school year. He said the greatest joy in the years of his leadership, 1949-75, was to present diplomas to hundreds of Olivet gradu-



Dr. Leslie Parrott (center front), was on a trip to Kansas City to confer with Nazarene Publishing House manager, Bud Lunn. To his surprise, a ministerial group from Olivet Nazarene College, of which he is president, came through NPH at the same time. The students, led by Dr. William Ellwanger (l., back row), came to Kansas City to look over the seminary.

ates who were going out to serve the Lord across the nation and around the world.

General Superintendents V. H. Lewis and William M. Greathouse were the speakers at the Heritage Day and Board of Trustees meetings October 5-6.

Dr. Lewis said, "This college has a great cause. . . . Let us here in sincerity and humility say 'I want the greatness of the Cause to fragrance my life, to challenge my pursuit of truth, to be a basis for which I seek God in repen-

tance and holiness, that through me in this day they might see the Christ who gave to the world the only foundation.'"

Dr. Greathouse said, "Olivet Nazarene College is the church facing the intellectual challenge of our culture, endeavoring in the name and spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ to prepare our youth for life and service to God and humanity. . . . Let us all do our part to see that the college which we love shall ever stay true to her divinely initiated course." □



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### NIROGA BOARD MEETS

The National Board of Directors of NIROGA (a retreat program for adults age 55 and up) met November 2-3 at King Conference Center in Kansas City to report on last year's retreats and plan for the 1983 season. Nearly 3,000 people attended a NIROGA in 1982. The NIROGA schedule for 1983 includes:

February 28—March 4—Lake Yale, Fla.

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The list of winners will be continued in future issues.

### BLACK NAZARENE LEADER RESIGNS FROM CHURCH PLANTING AFTER FRUITFUL TENURE

Rev. Warren A. Rogers, Sr., will resign his responsibilities with Church Extension Ministries in March 1983, culminating an 11-year, part-time affiliation that began in 1971 with the Department of Home Missions. He was simultaneously involved in full-time evangelism.

He was instrumental in helping the church through the transition of closing the Gulf Central District, the church's only all-Black district, and assimilating the Black churches into the districts of their geographic locations. In later years he has been an effective church planter, assisting in founding a total of 49 churches.

Rogers' illustrious career in the church included the superintendency of the Gulf Central District from 1958 to 1971. He was subsequently field representative for the Nazarene Bible College when it was located at Institute, WVa., and director of interracial evangelism for the Sacramento District. He was goodwill ambassador for the De-



Rogers singing at an interracial banquet in Sacramento.

partment of Home Missions. More recently, he was a church planter with Church Extension Ministries, giving leadership to the planting of new churches and development of a trained cadre of ministers in predominantly Black communities.

Rogers and his wife, Lillian, also spent several summers under appointment by World Mission, singing and preaching in English-speaking countries of the Caribbean and Central America. Several churches were established in these countries through their efforts. This gave them the distinction of being the only Blacks to serve in the Church of the Nazarene as mission ambassadors.

Though they are retiring from one aspect of their ministry, the Rogerses will continue to take singing/evangelistic meetings, and he will be consultant and coordinator of ethnic ministries for western states. ☐



Rev. Gary Henecke (l.), and Dr. George Dunbar (r.), received the 25th annual Alumni "O" Awards at Olivet Nazarene College's Homecoming, November 12. Alumni Director Selden Marquart (center) holds the two silver cups that were presented to these honored graduates. Henecke is pastor of Portland, Ore., First Church and former executive director of the Nazarene Department of Youth. Dunbar is a music professor at Olivet, and director of the Orpheus Choir and Concert Singers.



Keeseville church charter members

## KEESEVILLE, N.Y., CHURCH ORGANIZED

Two hundred seventy people gathered in the local municipal building gymnasium on Sunday afternoon, October 21, for the organization of the Keeseville, N.Y., church with 21 charter members.

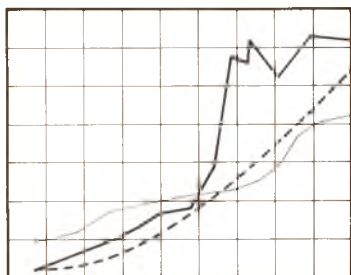
For several years three families, members of the Plattsburgh church but living in Keeseville, had envisioned a Church of the Nazarene in their community. In June, Rev. Ernest Machia, Jr., came to plant the church. A parson-

age was purchased and rooms in the municipal building were rented for Sunday School and worship.

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Pictured (l. to r.) are Rev. and Mrs. John L. Vaughn, who were honored at the Alaska District Assembly for their 25 years of home mission pastoral ministry on the district from 1957 to 1982. A special commemorative silver tray was presented to them by District Superintendent Robert W. Sheppard (r.). The Vaughns served churches at Seward and Soldotna and planted the churches at Eagle River and at Wasilla, where they continue to serve. The churches at Soldotna, Eagle River, and Wasilla were organized under the Vaughns' ministry. In these places Brother Vaughn led in the construction of excellent church buildings. For most of the years Mrs. Vaughn taught in the public schools to enable her husband to serve as a home mission pastor. An Endowment Fund Scholarship in the name of John L. Vaughn has been established at Northwest Nazarene College.

## FOR THE RECORD

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 JAMES G. DYE to Panama City (Fla.) Parkway  
 ROBERT E. FLINT to Cleveland, Okla.  
 DENNIS FREY to associate, Sterling (Ill.) First  
 RICHARD R. HENRY, JR., from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to Mentor, Ohio  
 DAVID L. JORDAN from student, Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, Colo., to Ste.-Foy (Quebec, Canada)  
 ROGER D. LIEBING from associate, Ottawa (Ill.) First, to Dickinson, N.D.  
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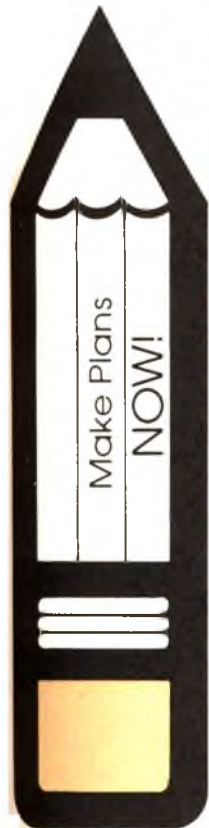
Karen Langridge, granddaughter of H. V. and Rhea Miller, is doing research into their lives and ministry. She would appreciate hearing from any of our readers who may have information, written or oral, about them. Dr. Miller was a general superintendent in our church from 1940 until 1948. Karen may be reached at 4013 E. 28th St., Tulsa, OK 74114.

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## VITAL STATISTICS DEATHS

REV. GLENN W. FLANNERY, 73, died Nov. 16 in Kankakee, Ill. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Melvin McCullough. Interment was in Fostoria, Ohio. Rev. Flannery's entire ministry was in Ohio. He is survived by his wife, June; three daughters, Mrs. Harry (Laquita) Swartz, Mrs. William (Brenda) Cole, and Mrs. Ronald (Marty) Kauffman; six grandchildren; two brothers; and one sister.

MRS. JEMIMA GLADYS HOUK, 83, died Nov. 13 in Oxnard, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by her son-in-law, District Superintendent Walter M. Hubbard. She is survived by her husband, R. J.; two daughters, Pauline Hubbard and Bernice Huber; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother; and one sister.

VIRGINIA LEE LOVING, 71, died Sept. 20 in Owasso, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Wilbur Tucker, Ben Wedel, and Tommy Loving. Interment was in Collinsville, Okla. Survivors include two sons, Harold L. and Rev. Tommy; one daughter, Carol Neff; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, and one sister.

REV. HAROLD MacMILLAN, 68, died Oct. 5 in Ottumwa, Ia. Funeral services were conducted by District Superintendent Forrest E. Whitlatch. Rev. MacMillan pastored churches in Montana, Minnesota, and Iowa. He is survived by his wife, Cora (Walker); eight brothers; and four sisters.

PEARL O. BURNSIDE McKINNEY, 66, died Sept. 27 in Phoenix, Ariz. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Lee W. Steele. She is survived by her husband, Joseph Morris; one son, Dale; three daughters, Doris Frichtel, Mary Lou Fehr, and Della Camping; eight grandchildren; three sisters; and one brother.

CHARLES M. NEWTON, 90, died Oct. 7 in Endicott, NY. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Robert Pulkinen and Rev. Homer Smith. He is survived by his wife, Bessie; 1 son, Charles; 3 daughters, Esther Greene, Naomi Clingerman, and Lois Bouton; 18 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and one sister.

REV. RAYMOND A. NOAKES, 74, died Nov. 9 in Clarendon, Tex. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Harold B. Graves, Jr., and Rev. Jess Rains. Rev. Noakes had pastored churches in Illinois, Wisconsin, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. He is survived by his wife, Florence; one son, David; one daughter, Dorothy Lowe; and three grandchildren.

MELVIN L. RICE, 50, died Oct. 5 in Concord, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. James Shaw. Interment was in Santa Ana, Calif. Survivors include his wife, Loretta; two sons, Darrin and Kevin; his parents; and one sister.

MINNIE SHERIDAN, 88, died Nov. 26 in Fargo, N.D. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Chuck Belzer. Surviving are one brother, Martin Larson, and one sister, Mrs. Augusta Anderson.

ELSIE RAE WHITMORE, 85, died Oct. 13 in Ottawa, Ill. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Donald Tyler. Survivors include two brothers, Walter and Homer; and two sisters, Ethel Gray and Bertha Johnson.

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# NEWS OF RELIGION

**MUSLIMS CLAIM EUROPE WILL BE ISLAMIC WITHIN A FEW DECADES.** Muslims say Europe will become Islamic within the next few decades. They also expect their religion will have the highest number of adherents worldwide. As explained in the latest edition of *Al-Islam*, the "Magazine of Muslims in Germany," these expectations are grounded in the fact that people everywhere are turning to Islam because it is "best suited to solve the problems of all eras." The magazine, which is published in Munich, states, "If the human civilization is to be preserved from destruction, then Islam is the only religion for the world of tomorrow."

Islam is described as a universal message of peace in this world and the next. The magazine goes on to point out that in most Islamic countries the annual population growth rate exceeds two percent. Then there are the converts to Islam. These two factors combined have brought the number of Muslims almost up to the 1,000 million mark. The number of Christians is estimated at 1,400 million. Hinduism has 583 million adherents and Buddhism 274 million. According to *Al-Islam* the number of Muslims has already peaked the 50 million mark in seven countries: Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and the USSR.

It is also reported that in a total of 53 states Muslims represent over half of the population. The Federal Republic of Germany is stated as having 1.5 million Muslims, the German Democratic Republic 101,000. Since Christianity is no longer taken for granted in Europe, and it is increasingly the subject of criticism, this is thought to be opening doors for Islam. □

**SURVEY OF ENTERING FRESHMEN REVEALS DECLINE AT NUMEROUS CHRISTIAN COLLEGES.** An overall decrease of 7.3 percent in the enrollment of entering full-time freshman students for the 1982-83 academic year has been reported by 54 member colleges of the Christian College Coalition responding to a survey conducted by the National Institute of Independent Colleges and Universities. Among all "liberal arts II institutions" reporting (which include most of the 54 Coalition colleges responding), an average decrease of 5.8 percent in entering full-time freshman enrollment was reported.

The NIICU survey found that one-third of the 1,161 independent colleges and universities responding incurred a decline of more than 10 percent of entering freshmen this fall, while overall there was a decrease of 4.1 percent of entering full-time freshmen at the 54 Coalition member colleges decreased by 1,131—from 15,497 in the fall of 1981 to 14,366 this past fall.

John Phillips, president of NIICU, commented: "It is clear that the sluggish economy combined with federal cuts in student aid and the threat of deeper cuts are forcing new students to abandon their plans to attend independent colleges. Instead, they are postponing their higher education or, more often, opting for less expensive government-run institutions." □

**SOVIET POLICE OPT FOR CHURCH MEETINGS RATHER THAN CRIME.** Christians here report that gypsies living in a small Soviet town near the Czechoslovak border were recently ordered to discontinue church meetings and urged to denounce their Christian faith. Leaders of the gypsy group offered to follow the police dictate. "You're right," the leaders said. "We should stop being Christians and return to our old ways. We will start stealing and killing again."

Soviet police, who had come to shut down the meeting house, decided it would be better for the gypsies to remain Christians and quickly agreed to let the church continue holding services. Revival has been reported among the gypsies. In some Soviet villages the entire population attends services. □



## BIRTHS

to LARRY AND THERESA (CHAMBERS) CARLSON, Liberal, Kans., a boy, Beau Bradley, Sept. 8  
to TIM AND BRENDA (FEGLEY) CLINGERMAN, Columbus, Ohio, a girl, Heather Marie, Oct. 1  
to RICK AND LINDA (SCOTT) DAY, Kansas City, Mo., a boy, Jeremy Wayne, Dec. 8  
to REV. BOB AND NANETTE (WYRICK) EVANS, Jackson, Miss., a boy, Matthew Allen, Oct. 5  
to RICK AND ANNE (KERNS) FRYE, Olathe, Kans., a girl, Kendra Anne, Dec. 9  
to REV. KENNETH AND SHARON GATES, Mabelton, Ga., a girl, Jennifer Marie, Aug. 13  
to GARY AND LINDA (AMERINE) GLASSCO, Madang, Papua New Guinea, a boy, Brian Francis, Nov. 22  
to DAN AND KATHY JOYCE, Farmington Falls, Me., a boy, Darren Bryant, Nov. 25  
to ALLEN AND NANCY (LLOYD) LARSON, Grandview, Wash., a boy, Aaron Allen, Sept. 24  
to DAN AND DEBBIE (OWENSBY) MADASZ, Napoleon, Mo., a boy, Andrew Edward, June 20  
to REV. DENNIS AND KAREN (ANDERSON)

MADTES, Renovo, Pa., a boy, Joshua Daniel, Nov. 3  
to ORLYN AND MARILYN (SMITH) MEYER, Fort Wayne, Ind., a girl, Laura Lynn, Sept. 22  
to KEN AND NELDA (BISHOP) REED, Nampa, Ida., a boy, Isaac Bishop, Nov. 20  
to HAL AND CHRISTINA (BAILES) SUTTON, Kansas City, Mo., a boy, Corbin Matthew, Nov. 29  
to REV. SAM AND MARTHANAN (EDMONDS) WOOD, Houston, Tex., a boy, Joseph Allen, Oct. 28

## ADOPTIONS

by JIM AND JANICE (STENGER) McCASLIN, Wichita, Kans., a boy, David Michael, born Nov. 15, adopted Nov. 16

## ANNIVERSARIES

The family and friends of MR. AND MRS. CARL AUBREY gathered at the Kansas City Dundee Hills Church on Nov. 27 to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, which was Jan. 2. All of their children and grandchildren were there with the exception of one grandson-in-law. These included: Rev. Gayland E. Aubrey, Meade, Kans.; Mrs. Carolyn Bird, Sublette, Kans.; Mr. Carl L. Aubrey, Raytown, Mo.; Mrs.

Eleanor Wright, Hays, Kans.; Rev. Stanley Aubrey, Cheyenne, Wyo.; and each of their families.

The Aubreys have been active members of the church down through the years, and their descendants are all active in the Church of the Nazarene.

MR. AND MRS. HILL W. FULWOOD observed their 50th wedding anniversary in renewing their wedding vows at Gainesville, Fla., First Church, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 28. They have also been Nazarenes for 50 years, and members of Gainesville First Church for 44 years.

Hosting the occasion were their children: Wes Fulwood, Nampa, Ida.; Bob Fulwood, Nashville, Jackie Fulwood Snider and JoAnne Fulwood Hostetler of Waxahachie, Tex.

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# THE ANSWER CORNER

Conducted  
by W. E.  
McCumber,  
Editor

**God said to Adam and Eve, "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the Earth" (Genesis 1:18). If Adam had not sinned, would there have been a human race? Our class is divided.**

Yes. The command to multiply was given prior to the Fall. It assumes the power and responsibility of reproduction then existing, though children were not born until after the Fall. □

**Dick Howard's article in the November 1, 1982 issue, "A Sower's Faith," says "Jesus had been turned out of the formal places of worship . . ." Other than the Jewish synagogues, what were these places? If Jesus had been born in our day, where would He preach?**

In Jesus' day and nation, the temple and the synagogues were the formal places of worship. Mr. Howard's reference, I assume, is to synagogues. Today, Jesus Christ would probably preach and teach wherever He could do so with freedom. □

**I have read that leaving Egypt, in the Old Testament, refers to God bringing a person out of his sins, or saving him. If so, does God ever send His children into sin? Joseph said that God sent him there to help provide for the Israelites. Does this mean, spiritually, that Joseph was sent back into the world and sin? And the angel told Joseph to take Mary and Baby Jesus to Egypt to hide from Herod.**

God saved Israel from famine by sending, first Joseph, and later his family, to Egypt. In Egypt, they were resident aliens, which is the status of Christians in this world (see Philippians 2:20—our citizenship is in heaven; see also 1 Peter 1:1, 17—we sojourn here as strangers, as pilgrims). Joseph's behavior in Egypt is an example for us, for he refused to allow his away-from-home status to become an excuse for sin (Genesis 39:9). No, he was not sent into sin, and God never sends His children into sin. His moral directive to them

is "sin no more" (John 5:14) and "be ye holy" (1 Peter 1:14-16).

At the Exodus, the Israelites were delivered from bondage as they fled Egypt. The Exodus serves as an illustration of the love and power of God in delivering us from our bondage to sin and forming us into a redeemed community. For this reason "Egypt" appears frequently in Christian writings as a symbol of sin's bondage, and sometimes for "this present evil age" in which we are not at home.

Sometimes figurative language is abandoned and Egypt simply means Egypt as a geographical place. The temporary residence of Joseph, or Israel, or Christ in Egypt is not to be read as a sending of them into sin or worldliness. □

**Why does the Church of the Nazarene require a belief in "entire sanctification" as necessary for church membership (Manual 25); when John Wesley, whom we claim to follow, himself said: "There is no other religious society under Heaven which requires nothing of men in order to their admission to it, but a desire to save their souls. Look all around you, you cannot be admitted into the church or society of the Presbyterians, Anabaptists, Quakers, or any others, unless you hold the same opinions with them, and adhere to the same mode of worship. The Methodists alone do not insist on your holding this or that opinion, but they think and let think."?**

Your question overlooks an important historical fact. During Wesley's lifetime the Methodists were not a church. Wesley was a member of the Church of England and he did subscribe to its creed, and insisted that, "to the best of my knowledge," he differed from its doctrines in no points. He observed its "Rubrics" "with a scrupulous exactness."

When the Methodists became a church, not societies within the churches, their creed was largely derived from the Anglican articles of faith, and belief in that creed was affirmed by those uniting with the church. □



# NEWS OF EVANGELISM

**Decatur, Ind.:** The church recently had a good revival with *Rev. John H. Shank*, evangelist. Brother Shank's messages were biblical and practical. The spirit of revival that prevailed was greatly enhanced by the special music, provided by the local people under the direction of Glenn Habegger, music director.

Early in the meeting, a mother who was a new convert sought the Lord in sanctifying grace and rejoiced in the assurance of a clean heart. Before the meeting closed, her teenage son and junior-age daughter sought and found the Lord, giving clear testimonies of new life in Christ.

—Donald K. Ault, *pastor*

**Dallas, Tex.:** The Blossom Church recently had one of the best revivals in recent history. There were seekers in every service. Some were saved, many were reclaimed, and others were sanctified. *Evangelist Ben*

*Marlin* preached anointed messages. The revival was preceded by special prayer meetings.

Some new Nazarenes will be a result of the revival. ☐

—L. J. Strickland, *pastor*

**Newark, Ohio, Central Church** was recently blessed by the anointed preaching of *Dr John L. Knight*. His holiness messages brought a genuine evidence of revival. The church is only two years old and presently without a pastor. The people expect God's blessing and help as they obey Him. ☐

—Shirley Sidle, *church secretary*

**Norwalk, Ohio:** The church recently had revival services with *Evangelist Gary Redd*. Every evening the Holy Spirit came and people sought the Lord around the altar. During the course of the week, at least 43 came forward, of whom 7 testified to the witness of the Holy Spirit in sanctifying power. The average attendance was 35. ☐

—Buck W. Traylor, *pastor*

**Richmond Heights, Ohio:** The church recently had a revival with *Rev.*

*Lawrence Walker*, and the attendance was the highest it has been in recent years. With a strong emphasis on holiness, many church families found real spiritual help. The Holy Spirit was present in all services bringing the old-fashioned revival spirit. ☐

—Tom Zuercher, *pastor*

**Mayfield, Ky., First Church** people were asked to unplug their televisions for two weeks and give that time to prayer and visitation. It was the first revival meeting in their new church.

Paul and Trish Jackson were the special workers. Good attendance, ministry to the whole family, preaching on commitment, and many new people, combined with the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit, yielded a great harvest in the Kingdom. Whole families prayed through at the altar. A drug addict was delivered, young people yielded to God's call to full-time service, backsliders were reclaimed, and several were sanctified.

The closing service on Sunday night continued for three and a half hours. As people prayed through and testified to victory, others came to pray. ☐

—Eugene Figge, *pastor*



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## THE CHURCH SCENE

Unexpected winter rains caused flooding as the Meramec River ran out of its banks. The Piedmont, Lodi, and Fredricktown, Mo., churches were affected.

District Superintendent Arthur Mottram reports that the **Piedmont church** received four feet of water in the sanctuary. The **Lodi church** received seven feet of water in the church basement and parsonage basement. The **Fredricktown church** received only minor water damage when a sewer backed up into the church basement.

Both the **St. Louis Overland** and **Des Arc churches**, which escaped the flooding, served their communities as temporary evacuation shelters. ☐

The **Rialto, Calif., church** took action on the statement of the General Christian Action Committee, Church of the Nazarene, published in the November 1 issue of the *Herald*. It was also a response to the national Pornography Awareness Week sponsored by the National Federation of Decency.

Fifteen members of the church picked the Adult Books store in Rialto. Pastor D. Edward Williams and Leon-



Ninety plus describes each of these men. Standing (from l.) are Clarence Stewart, 90; Amos Knippers, 90; and Azah Strickland, 91. Seated is Henry Bell, 96. All attended a recent Nazarene camp meeting held at the R. T. Williams Memorial Church of the Nazarene Tabernacle at Fort Jesup, La. Three of them, Clarence Stewart, Amos Knippers, and Azah Strickland, have been friends from their boyhood. They attended school together, went to church together, and have kept a close relationship down through the years. The fourth man, Mr. Henry Bell, is the father of Rev. Lowell Bell, pastor of the Many Church of the Nazarene. He resides in Lubbock, Tex. During one of the evening services of the camp meeting, these four men were asked to sit on the platform and share their testimonies with the congregation.

ard Larson, evangelism director, organized the picketing. The group walked up and down in front of the store, beginning around noon, until 5 p.m. They carried signs with messages such as: "Jesus is your best friend," and "Does your wife and children know you are here?"

The demonstration drew attention. A number of people waved in support.

The Clare, Mich., church had a missionary conference with Steve and Debbie Baker, November 11-14, 1982, which turned into a revival with many

seekers at the altar and the presence of the Lord in every service.

The highlight of the conference was the Sending Service during morning worship. God's presence was very keenly felt. There was a great crowd of people in attendance for the worship service as well as Sunday School. The offering goal was exceeded for the missionaries. Rev. Ralph W. Fisher is pastor of the church.

Steve and Debbie Baker are new missionaries assigned to the work among the Aguaruna Indians of Peru.

The Oxford, Nova Scotia, Canada, church celebrated its 80th anniversary with a week-long series of services, culminating with an anniversary banquet on Saturday, November 20, at the local high school cafeteria. The special workers for the anniversary services were Rev. Ross R. Cribbis, a former pastor, and DeVerne Mullen, song evangelist.

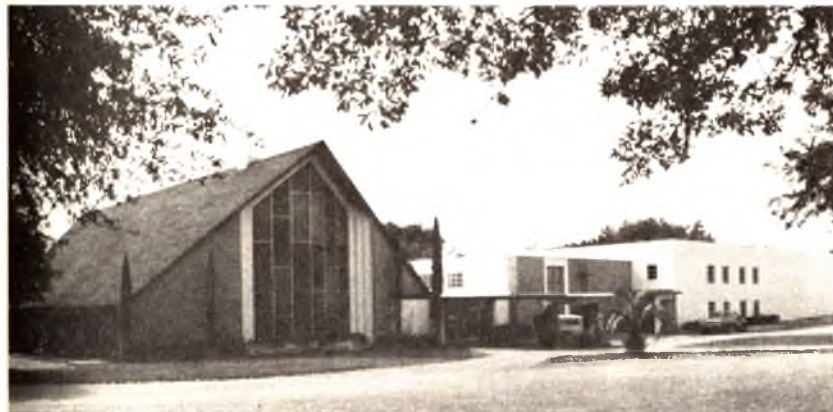
Greetings were given by the mayor and town clergy. Letters and telegrams were received from as far away as Calgary, Alberta. The pastor for the last 15 years has been Rev. Bert Collins.



On September 18 and 19, 1982, the Phillipsburg, Kans., church celebrated its 30th anniversary, with Dr. C. Marselle Knight, district superintendent, as the speaker. Rev. Robert W. Acton is the pastor. Pictured (l. to r.) are Phyllis Acton, the pastor's wife, presenting corsages to charter members, Effie Bushnell, Ruby Calhoon, and Gertrude McDermed.



The Marshfield, Mo., church recently expressed love to their pastor, Rev. J. J. Steele, in celebration of his 81st birthday. Rev. Steele's service to the church has been long and effective. In addition to a pastorate, a radio ministry, now in its 43rd consecutive year, is broadcast weekly from Coffeyville, Kans. His three sons followed him into the ministry: Herb pastors the Sacramento, Calif., Arden Way Church; Lee pastors the Phoenix Monte Vista Church, and Dan, minister of music at Kansas City First Church, teaches at Nazarene Theological Seminary. He has three married daughters: Leona Ferree, Esther Overholt, and Evangeline Oliver. Sons-in-law Elbert Overholt and Howard Oliver are professors at Bethany Nazarene College, where 29 of J. J. Steele's descendants have attended.



Pastor Samuel Brown, of Clearwater, Fla., First Church, recently led in the dedication of a family center. The 18,000 sq. ft. structure was dedicated debt free. An "old-fashioned" covered dish dinner was held for the hundreds that gathered.

## FAMILY JOURNEY INTO JOY

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## DR. PARROTT ELECTED TO BOARD OF COLLEGE PRESIDENTS



Dr. Leslie Parrott, president of Olivet Nazarene College, was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities during their annual meeting in December at Scottsdale, Ariz. The AAPICU is an organization of 200 presidents of independent colleges and universities.

Dr. Mark Moore, secretary of Education Services, is the chairman of the Advisory Board to the AAPICU, which is made up of denominational executives. □

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## WILFONG RETIRES FROM DU PONT



Dr. Robert E. Wilfong, the technical director in research at E. I. DuPont De Nemours and Co., retired with 38½ years' service on December 31, 1982.

Dr. Wilfong is the vice-chairman of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene, thus serving on its executive committee. He is also the vice-chairman of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Wilfong is an active layman in the church. He has been a delegate to five general assemblies and has served as a Sunday School superintendent for 15 years at four different churches. He has also been a Sunday School teacher for 40 years; an Advisory Board member for 14 years on two districts; and a trustee of Eastern Nazarene College for 8 years. □

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## DR. NEES TO HOLD ASSEMBLIES IN INDONESIA AND INDIA

Dr. and Mrs. L. Guy Nees will visit Nazarene districts in Australia, the Philippines, Indonesia, India, and Israel during January 1983. Dr. Nees will conduct six district assemblies in Indonesia and India. They will return to Kansas City early in February.

Accompanying Dr. and Mrs. Nees on part of the trip are Dr. and Mrs. Harold Daniels, superintendent and wife of the Colorado District. At last year's assembly, the Colorado District raised an offering for the Daniels' expenses. Dr. Daniels will preach in a camp meeting and chair the assembly in New Zealand. □

—World Mission

## A NEW KANSAS CITY HISTORY CITES NAZARENE CHURCH

The Church of the Nazarene has been featured in a new history of the Kansas City area, *At the River's Bend*, by historians S. L. Schirmer and R. D. McKinzie. It is an illustrated history that includes Independence, Mo., and Jackson County, Mo.

The Church of the Nazarene is part of the Partners in Progress chapter with highlights of the denomination's history from its beginning to 1980. The text is supplemented with an early picture of the Nazarene Publishing House on its first site and a picture of the 1960 General Assembly crowds. □

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## MAINE CHURCH LEVELLED BY FIRE

A fire totally destroyed the Sebasco Estates Church of the Nazarene in Sebasco, Me., December 13. A faulty oil burner is the suspected cause of the blaze.

Pastor Walter Mullen says the 28-member congregation will rebuild. It is hoped the Maine District Work and Witness team will be able to help in the task.

The Nazarene Publishing House immediately sent new Sunday School materials free of charge and hymnals on special arrangements that week. □

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## CHICAGO INNER CITY TARGET OF NAZARENES AND MAYOR JANE BYRNE

Over 1,000 people gathered at an inner city gym in Chicago to signal the beginning of a new Nazarene mission thrust into the inner city of Chicago and to honor Gilbert Leigh, a veteran worker in the Black community for 15 years.

Mayor Jane Byrne spoke at the December morning breakfast meeting to pledge her support to the new effort by

the Chicago Central District and District Superintendent E. Keith Bottles.

The Chicago Central District has been part of a larger group of institutions that are committed to helping the poor of the inner city. The Chicago ministries have been involved in housing and food distribution. □

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## REV. I. E. DAYHOFF DIES

Rev. Irving Dayhoff, retired missionary of the Church of the Nazarene in Africa, died December 19, 1982, in Oskaloosa, Ia.

Rev. Dayhoff served in South Africa for a period of 40 years, from 1919 to 1959. He served with the Hephzibah Faith Mission and with the International Holiness Mission until its merger in 1952 with the Church of the Nazarene.

Rev. Dayhoff's faithful ministry was given to the Pedi people of the North Transvaal where he pioneered, despite resistance, the establishment of a strong church among the Pedis.

Rev. Dayhoff is survived by his wife and missionary colleague, Mrs. Fannie Dayhoff, one son and a daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Paul S. Dayhoff, missionaries to Africa recently arrived on furlough, and four grandchildren, Paula, Patricia, Elizabeth, and James. A memorial service was held December 23 in Oskaloosa. □

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## OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Christian Holiness Association National Convention will convene at Olivet Nazarene College in Kankakee, Ill., for its 115th annual convention, April 19-23, 1983. The Church of the Nazarene may send 50 official representatives to that convention.

I am authorized to issue a call for volunteer ministers and laymen at large who wish to be delegates for the Church of the Nazarene to this convention and attend without expense to the General Board.

If you are interested, please submit your name, address, and the local church of which you are a member, to the General Secretary, Church of the Nazarene, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. From the names submitted, the delegate committee will select and notify our delegation on or about March 15, 1983.

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